

4-H Story

The 4-H Story is your 4-H member's opportunity to let the person reading the story get to know them personally and their life in **this** 4-H project.

The introduction should make the reader want to delve further into the member's 4-H Story. The body of the 4-H Story should focus on activities and learning in the specific award program (project) area. This is a time to have your 4-H'er expand on what they learned and how they can share their project with others. It is a wonderful opportunity to highlight special moments of the year (more than just awards and ribbons). Did they have a project disaster? If so, have them write what they learned from it.

A few sample questions to help your 4-H member to think about what the story should include:

Did you achieve a longtime goal? What knowledge did you gain from this project area?

Did you solve a project problem? What skill did you learn or develop from this project?

What have others done for you and with you in your 4-H project?

Will you take this project again? Why or why not?

Has this project affected your future plans? Did this project impact your family or community?

What did you learn that has helped you in everyday life?

These questions will help share their project and what the reader needs to know in order to distinguish their KAP from all others.

Like every good story, the 4-H Story has several parts. Just remember, the 4-H Story should focus on **one project**. Below are more tips for your 4-H member to use while writing their story.

Introduction

Use the introduction to capture the reader's attention. This is the time to introduce yourself and the focus of the project shared through this story.

Body

Tell the reader information they didn't find in the other parts of the record book (KAP, project page, PAA). Include in the body of the story learning experiences from when your project might not have been going well. Tell about the people who helped you and what knowledge they shared with you.

Conclusion

A conclusion isn't always necessary but it will allow you to wrap up the story neatly. It is here you can stress what makes your record book stand out above the rest.