

Sample Format for “My 4-H Story”

The following format example may help you in developing your story, but you do not need to construct your story in this manner. In fact, you are encouraged to be creative in writing your story and to let your personality shine through. These are just examples of what you might want to include.

- Introduce yourself. This might include such items as your age or grade, your family members, where you live, where you go to school, your interests, or when and why you joined 4-H.
- Tell about your major 4-H projects and activities. Why did you choose them? What have you learned through your participation? How has your participation grown in size and scope? Describe things you have tried and found successful and some that were not so successful.
- Explain how 4-H has helped you become a better leader and citizen. Describe the most important leadership roles you have had. Tell about what you have learned from working with others as a junior leader, counselor, tutor, or volunteer. Describe major community service projects and explain how you have learned to accept citizenship responsibilities.
- Describe major learning situations, special interests you have developed, or unusual situations you have encountered.
- Describe what life skills 4-H has helped you develop and how 4-H participation has influenced your school and career goals, use of leisure time, and commitment to helping others. Tell about your future plans and the career you hope to pursue.