

4-H Alberta
Premiers Award
Terms of Reference



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4-H Alberta

The Premier's Award is the highest honour bestowed to a 4-H Alberta member. The award was donated personally by the Honourable E.C. Manning, Premier of Alberta, and was first presented to an outstanding 4-H member in 1964. The Premier's Award recipient is chosen from the pool of current 4-H Ambassadors and represents 4-H at a variety of events over the following year. The recipient will also meet with Alberta's Premier and the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development. Premier's Award winners are also given the Ted York Outstanding Achievement and Leadership in 4-H Alberta Award!

4-H Alberta Guiding Principles

- 4-H is for youth, by youth and with youth
- 4-H is "Learn to Do by Doing"
- 4-H is fun for members, volunteers, and families

4-H Alberta Premier's Award Role

- Attending as a representative of 4-H Alberta at leader, member and other events.
- Represent 4-H Alberta and the Board of Directors
- Be a mentor and role model for 4-H in the community
- Support 4-H at the club, district, region, and provincial levels through programming, workshops, events, and more
- Promote [Positive Youth Development](#) in all 4-H opportunities
- Provide opportunities for 4-H Members and Leaders to "Learn to Do by Doing" within the four [Leadership Development Pillars](#)
- Advocate for 4-H Members at all levels

Premier Award Requirements

- Attend at least two 4-H Alberta Provincial Opportunities
 - Emcee Spring Senior Symposium Banquet
 - Emcee Fall Senior Symposium Banquet, prepare a speech and announce the next Premier's Award recipient
 - Give a speech to leaders at a Leader Conference or Training
 - Other Speaking and engagements provided by the programs team
- Attend at least two Regional Opportunities
- Attend Citizenship Congress with 4-H Canada if available
- Travel to the Legislature Building and Meet the Premier

Provincial Involvement

Premier Award Recipients will be involved in at least two 4-H Alberta provincial opportunities yearly.

Regional, District, and Club Involvement

Premier Award Winners are expected to participate in at least two opportunities each year at a Regional level. Regional activities include events at the regional, district, or club level. For a club-level event to count toward this requirement, it must be with a club other than their own.

Premiers Award recipients should work with the Programs Team, Area Coordinator or regional volunteers to identify new or existing events to support (e.g., joining a planning committee, running a workshop, etc.).

Regions, Districts, and Clubs can request the Premier Award Winners attendance by completing the Senior Member Leadership Request Form – [Click Here](#)

Operation

Selection

- Selection of the Premier's Award winner occurs once a year through an application and interview process.
- Applications are open in August and close at the end of September.
- Interviews are conducted in September or October, on specific dates communicated in advance. Interviews are conducted by a panel consisting of but not limited to sponsors, board members, leaders, and volunteers.
- One recipient will be selected per year.
- All applicants must be a current Ambassador in good standing at time of selection.

Service Term

- Premier Award Winners will serve a one year term, November to November.

Roles and Responsibilities

Premiers Award Recipient and Designated 4-H Alberta Staff Member

The Designated 4-H Alberta Staff Member is here to support the Premiers Award Winner to meet the expectations of the role and flourish in this position as a leader in their community. The Designated 4-H Alberta Staff Member is required to communicate all expectations of the role, to provide meaningful training on this position, as well as, support through those expectations if that is creating connections, providing guidance, and ideas.

All questions regarding the Premiers Award position are to be directed to this designated staff member. Contact programs@4hab.com

Communication must maintain the Rule of Two and be during appropriate hours of the day.

Premiers Award Recipient and Area Coordinators

Area Coordinators can reach out to the Premiers Award Winner with ideas and invitations to events. The PA will attend if they are able. Please use the request form: [Click Here](#)

The Designated 4-H Alberta Staff Member must be cc'd on communication to be kept in the loop and to maintain the Rule of Two.

If the Region is looking for additional support or guidance about PA's, they can reach out to the Designated 4-H Alberta Staff Member.

Premiers Award Recipient and Regions

The Region can reach out to the Premiers Award Winner with ideas and invitations to events in their Region. The PA will attend if they are able. Please use the request form: [Click Here](#)

The Designated 4-H Alberta Staff Member must be cc'd on communication to be kept in the loop and to maintain the Rule of Two.

If the Region is looking for additional support or guidance about PA's, they can reach out to the Designated 4-H Alberta Staff Member.

Premiers Award Recipient and Districts

A District can reach out to the PA with ideas and invitations to events in that District. The Ambassador will attend, support or help organize if they are able.

The PA will attend if they are able. Please use the request form: [Click Here](#)

The Designated 4-H Alberta Staff Member must be cc'd on communication to be kept in the loop and to maintain the Rule of Two.

If the District is looking for additional support or guidance about PA's, they can reach out to the Designated 4-H Alberta Staff Member.

Premiers Award Recipient and Clubs

PA's can provide support and opportunities in their region's clubs where applicable. A club can reach out to the PA with ideas and invitations to events in the area. The PA will attend if they are able. Please use the request form: [Click Here](#)

The Designated 4-H Alberta Staff Member must be cc'd on communication to be kept in the loop and to maintain the Rule of Two.

If a Club is looking for additional support or guidance about PA's, they can reach out to the Designated 4-H Alberta Staff Member.

Premiers Award Recipient and their friends and family members

PA's are responsible for all aspects of their role as a Premier Award Winner. All communication, training, and duties must be completed by the PA themselves.

The Designated 4-H Alberta Staff Member will communicate directly to the PA and will use other staff members to maintain the Rule of Two.

Premiers Award Recipient and other members

Premier Award winners are leaders within members and it is important to keep in mind that no matter where they are, in a 4-H context they are perceived as a person of authority, a resource, a leader, and a mentor. This role must be taken seriously.