



Happy New Year 2025

2025 4-H ENROLLMENT

Families may enroll with Maryland 4-H Online beginning in January 2025. Watch for an email announcement for the opening date.

To enroll in Maryland 4-H Online, you need to use Firefox, Chrome, or Safari web browsers. Go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>



- Current Members - Enrollments are due by February 1, 2025.
- New Livestock Members - Enrollments are due by April 1 to show animals at the fair.
- New Members - Enrollments are due by June 1, 2025 to be eligible to participate in the county and state fairs.
- Volunteers - Enrollments for returning volunteers must be completed by March 1.

It is important to enroll as soon as you can, so you will continue to receive the newsletter, email updates and other important announcements.

As a reminder, projects and volunteer types & roles will not roll over into next year. You will need to select your projects and volunteer information again. Volunteers, check your volunteer type in 2024 so you will know what to select in 2025. If you are unsure, please call 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu.

If you have any issues re-enrolling, please contact our office. Do not create a new family profile.

The Maryland 4-H Behavioral Expectations, MD 4-H Disciplinary Policy & Procedures, Photo/Media Release, and Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics (livestock projects) are part of the online enrollment process and will be signed electronically.

Enrollment fee - Maryland 4-H has an annual \$10.00 enrollment fee per 4-H member (No fee is collected for volunteers and any children in a family with more than three children). Families will pay the fee online by credit card at the time of enrollment.



4-H Record Book Workshop

Curious about what a 4-H
Record Book is or what a
4-H Portfolio is?

Wonder how to get
started or what it
can be used for?

Join us on Wednesday,
January 15th from 4-5 pm
for an informal workshop
at the LaVale Library.

Hope to see you there!
Please register
by January 13.



Register Here

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please your local UME Office by December 30, 2024.

University programs, activities, and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, religion, protected veteran status, genetic information, personal appearance or other legally protected class.

4-H DIAMOND CLOVER LEVELS

Levels 1 to 4 - If you have completed these levels in 2024, they are due to our office by **February 1** (with record books).

Level 5 - If you complete Level 5 in 2025, please submit your form to the 4-H office by **November 1**. This will allow time for your name to be submitted for the 2026 4-H Gala.

Level 6 - The Diamond Clover Level 6 Service Learning Project enables a 4-H member to demonstrate life skills including leadership, planning, and organization as they complete a major community service project. If you would like to start a Level 6 project, email Michelle, mharman2@umd.edu for guidance.

For more information, please visit the Maryland 4-H website,
<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development>.



4-H Volunteer Workshop

Thursday, January 16, 2025, 6 to 8:00 p.m.

Constitution Park Activity Building

We are thrilled to kick off a new 4-H year with an exciting opportunity for our volunteers! Join us for a Volunteer Workshop that will set the stage for an incredible year ahead. Discover engaging activities to captivate your members during club meetings, navigate real-life scenarios you might face, and learn how Clover from 4-H can help empower your members to find their spark.

We will also provide essential information regarding club requirements for those leading clubs. Plus, enjoy pizza and beverages as a token of our appreciation for your dedication! Don't miss out—mark your calendar for January 16, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Constitution Park Activity Building. We can't wait to see you there and embark on this journey together!

Please register by January 14 so we may plan refreshments.
Register here <https://forms.gle/F7LUcEG1DpjU1yHM9>

4-H RECORD BOOKS DUE FEBRUARY 1

It is that time of year again! 4-H record books for 2024 are due to the 4-H office by **February 1, 2025**. Diamond Clover Levels 1 to 4 are also due at this time.



Record Books, Awards and Fair Eligibility

- To meet fair eligibility to show livestock - Members must submit a complete record book with a completed project sheet for each livestock project exhibited at the 2024 Allegany County Fair to show at the 2025 Allegany County Fair.
- To receive a ribbon and certificate/seal - Members must complete a record book with at least one completed project record inside.
- To receive project pins - Projects must be complete and inside a complete record book.

If you need assistance, please contact our 4-H staff at 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu.

It is recommended that you use a standard 3-ring binder or 3-prong folder for your record book. Traditional 4-H record book covers are available at the office for \$3.50 each, but not required. Please put your name and 4-H age on the front of the binder.

For a complete guide and forms go to <https://go.umd.edu/AC-forms>.

CLUB ITEMS DUE FEBRUARY 1

The following items are due to the 4-H Office by **February 1** to remain in compliance with Maryland 4-H requirements:

- Program Plan for 2025
- Officer Roster for 2025
- Secretary Book for 2024



The Program Plan and Office Roster was mailed to club leaders. Forms are also located at <https://go.umd.edu/AC-forms> or email jparrish@umd.edu.

NEW YEAR, NEW OFFICERS

For your new officers in 2025, check out the "Clubs, Groups, Chartering, and Financial Resources" section of the volunteer section of the Maryland 4-H website - <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/volunteers>

There are links to resources to help support clubs, club members, and youth officers. If you would like to have any of these materials printed for your members or officers, email jparrish@umd.edu.

Once your new officers are elected, be sure to get a photo to share in an upcoming 4-H newsletter.



BAD WEATHER POLICY

If there is no school or early dismissal from school in Allegany County due to inclement weather, all county-sponsored 4-H events that day/evening will be cancelled.

Contact your club leader to determine if club activities are cancelled.

“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.” – John Steinbeck

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-H EVENTS

Scholarships for Allegany County 4-H members and volunteers are available for 4-H local, regional, state, national and other events and camps. Such 4-H opportunities may include State Council, Volunteer/Teen Forum, State/National contests, 4-H camps, and more.

Applications are due two weeks before the registration deadline for the event. Applicants may not apply for more than two scholarships within a calendar year.

Complete guidelines and an application are available by calling 301-724-3320, by email at jparrish@umd.edu, or online at (under 4-H Forms) <https://go.umd.edu/AlleganyCounty4-H>.

OWL WINTER CRAFT

Materials:

- Pinecones
- White and beige felt and a tiny bit of orange felt
- Cotton balls
- Googly eyes
- Glue or glue gun
- Scissors



Instructions:

1. Tear the cotton balls and stuff them in the pinecone. Work your way around the pinecone to get the “owl feather-like” texture.
2. Cut out a pair of wings out of white felt.
3. Cut a small oval shape for the head from beige felt, also cutting a little bit smaller oval shape from the white felt. You can make one side of the white shape a bit heart like to give it a more “facial” look. Cut a small orange beak.
4. Glue the beak on top of the beige oval shape and glue the smaller oval shape on top of that.
5. Glue on the googly eyes.

Enter in the Allegany County Fair as a mixed media or recycled craft!

Decorative Key Chains

\$3.00 each

or 2 for \$5.00



Available at the UME Office
Email jparrish@umd.edu
Proceeds benefit Allegany County 4-H



Upcoming Events

January

- 4-H Enrollment opens
- 1/1 - New Year's Day - UME Closed
- 1/13 - Horse Advisory Webinar
- 1/15 - National Trip Applications due
- 1/16 - MLK, Jr. Holiday - UME Closed

February

- 2/1 - Record Books and Club Forms due
- 2/11 - Rabbit Advisory Webinar
- 2/22 - 4-H Dog Skillathon
- 2/27 - Allegany 4-H Kick Off

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| ★ Landon Baer | ★ Stetson Kuykendall | ★ Thatcher Sagal |
| ★ Daniel Cohen-Inbar | ★ Megan Lawton | ★ Remington Savage |
| ★ Lily Dennis | ★ Lilly McCormick | ★ Nathan Shambaugh, Jr. |
| ★ Asher Dolly | ★ Maverik McCusker | ★ Anthony Simon |
| ★ Keith Fairgrieve, Jr. | ★ Owen Mohler | ★ Mani Vahedi |
| ★ Madison Garlitz | ★ James Morin | ★ Lydia Vassiliadi |
| ★ Isaiah Gaughan | ★ Hunter Rounds | ★ Kolton Whorton |
| ★ Sejal Ghimire | ★ Lillie Ruby | ★ Levi Whorton |



4-H Photos Wanted

Send us your 4-H photos for our newsletters, social media, and more.

Send photos with a brief description to jparrish@umd.edu

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