



4-H Club Charter and Charter Seal

Four-H Charters are available and their use with 4-H Clubs in Virginia is encouraged. Four-H Clubs which have previously earned a Charter may, if they maintain Charter standards, apply for a **Charter Seal** each year. Depending upon the degree of excellence with which these clubs plan and carry on a continuing club program, they may receive a **gold, blue, red, or white** seal, or they may receive no seal. The seal merited by each club is placed on its original Club Charter.

Requirements for Securing a 4-H Club Charter and 4-H Charter Seal

Club Requirements for 4-H Club Charter

A 4-H Club Charter will be granted when a 4-H Club meets the 6 minimum requirements stated below and submits completed 4-H enrollments to the unit Extension Office with an outline of the Club's monthly plans for the year. An Extension agent must review the plan. If the Club qualifies, the agent then approves and signs the Charter Application. The application is then sent to the State 4-H Office for the final approval. An Extension agent may then, on invitation from the organizational leader of the 4-H Club, attend a meeting of the Club to present the 4-H Charter.

1. 4-H Club composed of a **minimum** of 5 members, boys and girls.
2. 4-H Club must function under the leadership of at least 2 adult volunteer 4-H leaders.
3. Officers elected and trained as a result of action by the adult leaders and standing committees appointed by the officers of the 4-H Club.
4. 4-H Club offering 2 or more projects with a different project leader for each 4-H project.
5. 4-H Club program planned for 12 months. (School 4-H clubs can plan for several meetings in various communities during the summer.) Prepared calendar of events and plans for program features of each 4-H meeting with emphasis on maximum member participation.
6. Chartered 4-H Clubs are open to all qualified youth without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, disability or political affiliation.

Club Requirements for 4-H Charter Seals

Chartered 4-H Clubs will be awarded seals based on accomplishments (see Score Sheet, Extension Form 388-094) at the conclusion of one year's club program. The president, secretary, and organizational leader score the club at the time designated by Extension agents (probably in September). The club submits the completed score sheet and 4-H Secretary's Book to the Extension agent. After these are reviewed and approved by the Extension agent, the score card (Extension Form 388-094) is sent to the State 4-H Office. Qualifying clubs are then awarded the appropriate seal to be placed on the 4-H Club Charter in recognition of their year's work. The seal is awarded at the end of the year's 4-H club work, not at the time the club initially qualified for the Charter.

Score Range for Earning Color Seals

(Clubs to be scored annually)

130 - 145	Gold Award Club	95 - 115	Red Award Club
115 - 129	Blue Award Club	75 - 94	White Award Club

Note: Should a Charter 4-H Club fail to maintain Charter requirements, that club is no longer considered to be a Charter 4-H Club and is not eligible to receive a 4-H Charter Seal.

