

4-H STORY (for #91940 & #91950 record books)

Type of Story

*****Cassia County 4-H requires a Project Focused Experience Story.*****

Writing Your Story

As with any story, you should tell about things you did, experienced, or learned by participating in 4-H. Be sure to tell about important items not found in your other 4-H records.

You can use the following statements/questions to help you outline your story:

- a. Introduce yourself. Include why I joined 4-H and/or tell what project(s) that I did.
- b. What new skills have I learned?
- c. What new knowledge have I gained?
- d. Am I developing good work habits?
- e. Have I discovered new interests or talents?
- f. Am I better able to make decisions and solve problems?
- g. Am I learning how to express my ideas?
- h. Have I developed more poise and self confidence?
- i. Have I made new friends?
- j. Am I developing an attitude of respect and concern for others?
- k. Am I able to assume more leadership responsibilities?
- l. Am I contributing to better living in my home and community?
- m. Am I any better prepared to take a job or to know what career I want to follow?
- n. Am I striving to develop or maintain good physical and mental health?
- o. Am I deciding what values and standards I want to live by?

Length and Format Guidelines

You can type or hand write your story. If you hand write the story, use pencil or ink on lined white notebook paper. If a typewriter or computer is used to write the story, use double line spacing on plain white paper (no larger than a 14 pt font). Write on one side of the paper. Leave a wide enough margin so the story can be read when inserted into the (colored) project folder. **☺A paragraph is not a story. ☺**

Juniors (8 to 11 year-olds):	1 page
Intermediates (12 to 14 year-olds):	2 pages
Seniors (15 to 18 year-olds):	3 pages

Attach 4-H story at the end of the project record.

Additional County Requirements:

1. Include your community service project in your story.
2. If something in the book doesn't apply to your project- write NA (not applicable).
3. Only one page (one side) of pictures in record book. **NO** pictures or art work on the front of the cover.
4. *Order of book: record book, pictures w/story. For livestock- growth chart, bill of sale, contract agreement, other inserts if applicable: (such as)
 - Permanent ID for Horses and copy of lease if the horse is leased
 - Market animal project location (for animals not kept on 4H/FFA members property)

** All items must be hole punched and put in the brads of the folder*

*Exception: Animal Record Book Score Sheet- goes in the front pocket of the folder
(this will be helpful for the judge).*