## **Outstanding Achiever Guidelines**

- According to the record book guidelines, this award is presented to youth who have demonstrated excellence in their 4-H program and who have previously received county level awards. Youth recognized can show a combination of outstanding project work, outstanding participation in county, club, and state activities, and club activities.
- This award is not just bestowed on all youth annually. Typically, between six to eight youth are selected based on the number of those eligible.
- Eligibility includes receiving at least three pins in any combination of leadership, citizenship, and achievement and in at least 10<sup>th</sup> grade. However, this award is reflective of the majority of the youth's 4-H career and information presented. Not all 10<sup>th</sup> grade applicants will be at the same level as youth who have completed more years in 4-H. It should not simply be given because they have received three pins and are in 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Youth may only receive the Outstanding Achiever award once in their 4-H career.
- Receiving the Outstanding Achiever Award does not affect the youth's eligibility for any other major awards (Farm Bureau, Key, I Dare You, etc) at the same year's selection process. Each award is separate and has separate guidelines. The committee should not choose members for this award based on their receiving/not receiving another award in the same year.
- All award selections are to be CONFIDENTIAL until the banquet.