

Project Report Form – Leadership vs Citizenship

In addition to the 4-H Project Report Form, applications for awards, project records, achievement pins, scholarships, and jobs all require information about an individual's leadership and citizenship activities. The terms citizenship and leadership are quite abstract, what is the difference?

Leadership

Leadership is having a major responsibility for the planning, organizing, and implementation of an activity to help a group attain its goal. It is a process of determining needs, exploring resources, setting goals, planning action and evaluating. One of the main goals of 4-H is to develop skills related to leadership.

Key words that show leadership include plan, facilitate, conduct, teach, guide, and lead.

Leadership Examples:

- Serve as project leader, club or county
- Serve as fair superintendent
- Chair a committee, or serve as a member
- Officer of club or county-wide group
- Serve as mentor for younger members
- Organize an event, club or county
- Teach others how to do something
- Serve as camp counselor
- Create an educational activity for other 4-H'ers
- Conduct an evaluation or judging event
- Serve as a judge

Citizenship

Citizenship is helping others or working for the benefit of others or the community. The primary goal is to benefit someone else. Citizenship focuses on the unnecessary services that a person provides for his or her community and can be considered a way to help others in need.

Citizenship Examples:

- Christmas Caroling
- A bingo event at the local retirement center
- Park "clean-up" day
- Highway trash "pick-up" day
- Delivering treats to local people
- Decorating windows of local business
- Providing child care during town meeting
- Collecting food for the food pantry
- Running errands for a shut-in person
- Clean-up after a natural disaster
- Participate in "adopt-a-grandparent" program
- Make a donation to a charity
- Volunteer at food pantry
- Serve as a Salvation Army "bell-ringer"
- Project talk or demonstration for people at a nursing home, preschool, day care, library, etc.