

McPherson County 4-H Committees

This document provides an overview of committees related to the McPherson County 4-H Program. This list excludes boards and committees that are voted on by the general public (4-H Youth Development Program Development Committee).

Screening & Review Committee

Mission Statement:

To make the best better through providing feedback to 4-H members on applications and record books and by improving the McPherson County Extension website and related forms to increase ease of access and use.

Committee Goals:

The Screening & Review Committee supports McPherson County 4-H members by offering feedback to strengthen applications and record books, ensuring members are well-prepared and competitive at regional and state competitions.

Additionally, the committee will monitor the McPherson County Extension website and related forms, incorporating feedback from 4-H families to ensure materials remain current, relevant, and user-friendly. The committee will collaborate with the Extension Office to make recommendations for improvements.

Eligibility:

- Able to meet throughout the year as determined by committee members
 - Minimum of 3 meetings
 - Record Book Screening (early fall)
 - Pin Application Screening (early fall)
 - Scholarship Screening (early spring)
- Knowledge of McPherson County 4-H or readiness to learn
- 18 years of age or older
- Able to pass a background check

Terms & Appointment:

3-year appointments, no term limits. No minimum or maximum number of members.

Committee Restrictions:

- This committee does **not** approve or deny any applications, record books, or awards.
- The committee serves solely in an advisory capacity, providing feedback.
- Members seeking feedback must submit materials at least two weeks prior to the Extension Office deadline

- Submission to this committee does **not** constitute official submission to the Scholarships & Submissions Committee
- This committee is monitored by the 4-H Youth Development PDC.

Scholarships & Awards Committee

Mission Statement:

To recognize and reward excellence with McPherson County 4-H by reviewing and evaluating all submissions.

Committee Goals:

This committee reviews and makes final decisions on all McPherson County 4-H submissions, including but not limited to: record books, pin applications, scholarship applications, “I Dare You” awards, 4-H Family of the Year, Friend of 4-H, and special submissions. All committee decisions are final.

Eligibility:

- Able to meet throughout the year as determined by committee members
 - Pin Application and Achievement Banquet Awards Review - October
 - Scholarship Review -April
 - Activity Scholarships-date varies
- Knowledge of McPherson County 4-H or readiness to learn
- Community member with no relation to a 4-H member or closely working with 4-H members
- 18 years of age or older
- Able to pass a background check

Terms & Appointment:

3-year appointments, no term limits. Maximum of three members.

Committee Restrictions:

- All reviews are conducted anonymously.
- Members must maintain eligibility at all times.
- Any changes in eligibility must be reported immediately to the McPherson County 4-H Youth Development PDC and the 4-H Agent.
- This committee is monitored by the 4-H Youth Development PDC.

Grievance Committee:

If a McPherson County 4-H member wishes to dispute the denial of a submission or application, the following process must be followed:

Initial Appeal:

- The member must submit a written appeal letter to the McPherson County 4-H agent.
- The letter must be received within one week of results being posted (by 5:00 PM).
- The 4-H agent will present the appeal to the Scholarships & Submissions Committee.

Formal Grievance:

- If the appeal is denied, the member may file a grievance if they believe discrimination or bias occurred.
- The grievance must be submitted to the McPherson County 4-H agent.
- The grievance will be reviewed by the Grievance Committee, consisting of members of the McPherson County 4-H Youth Development Program Development Committee (PDC).
 - A minimum of three PDC members must be present, and no member with a conflict of interest may participate.

Processing Fee:

- A \$25 processing fee must accompany the grievance submission.
- If the grievance is denied, the fee will be deposited into the 4-H Council account.