

Texas 4-H Record Keeping System:

Recordbook Frequently Asked Questions

These questions are developed to answer those most frequently asked questions or to help clarify sections of the Recordkeeping System. Please check back frequently to see if additional questions that you may have are posted. Also, an e-mail is on the front page, so e-mail your question in and somebody will get back with you as soon as possible (please, only record keeping system questions). If the question is frequently asked we will post it on this page.

[Can my recordbook be handwritten or does it have to be typed?](#)

As you prepare your 4-H recordbook you have the option to either handwrite or type it. Please note if your handwriting is poor, you may wish to really try and have a friend or leader help you type it. GUIDELINE NOTE: On the recordbook check sheet it does say "typed double space" however this is just a note saying that IF it is typed, then it must be double spaced and a minimum of a 10 point font.

[I am a Senior 4-H member competing in the recordbook competition, do I have to have my Resume done by a professional resume preparer or professionally copied?](#)

Please NO, the resume is designed for Senior 4-H member to begin developing a professional record that they can use to acquire a summer job or use in an award interview. In preparing your resume all that we asked is that there are no pictures and that it is not duplicated on business letterhead. Refer to the Record Improvement Guide for a sample of a resume. Your resume should be printed on standard typing paper. *You will not get any more points for resume bond paper or fancy paper!*

[Can I place NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS in my 4-H Story and Photo Portfolio?](#)

The 4-H story and photo portfolio allows for 4-H members to place only NEWSPAPER PHOTO CLIPPINGS, NOT STORIES. Remember the 4-H story and photo portfolio is yours. We want to hear about your 4-H career from you, however we realize the sometimes the local reporter may have gotten a great shot that mom or dad missed. That's why we are now allowing newspaper photos and not newspaper stories.

[The Record Improvement Guide \(Section 1, 4-H Project Experiences\) states that knowledge gained should meet the project specific objectives outlined in the Texas 4-H Clover, however there are only 5 general objectives. What do I do?](#)

That was one of those fleas or "bugs" that didn't get out of Lucky's system. Use the 5 general objectives listed in the Texas 4-H Clover as your objectives. These objectives were designed to fit all Texas 4-H projects, so you should have no problems adapting them to your specific project(s).

[What is an example of a project that would go under the Plant and Soil Science recordbook category?](#)

The Plant and Soil Science category would include such projects as field crops or a project in soil erosion, etc.

[I have a lot of non-4-H experiences that goes back for more than four years, can I list all the years or just the past four years?](#)

You are allowed to list non-4-H experiences for more than four years ago if you wish.

[Can I talk about more than just the past four years in my 4-H story and photo portfolio?](#)

YES, by all means. The story and photo portfolio is your way of telling all about your 4-H career, how you begin, why you stayed in 4-H, and about the "good and the bad" that has happened to you throughout all of your 4-H career.