

4-H Canada Report

November 2025

Members must be 16 as of the trip to apply for the National Conferences. Leaders and members must have been involved in the program for at least two years before they are eligible to apply for any of the trips. Applications will be emailed to O.L's and then passed onto members. The following are highlights of the National and International programs that 4-H New Brunswick is involved with in connection with 4-H Canada:

Conferences:

4-H Canada Citizenship Congress: 4-H Canada hosted this event from May 10-15th, 2025 in Ottawa, ON. NB 4-H sent 6 members: Ashlynn Slack and Wyatt Hayward from Big Axe Rangers, Rebecca McDermid from Debec, Lilly Blakney from Kings County Beef, and Sarah Harvey and Claire Hutt from River Valley. Victoria Hutt from River Valley went as the chaperone.

4-H Canada National Members Forum: The 2024 Member's Forum was November 2-7th, 2024 in Toronto, ON. Members who attended were: Angela Carhart, Kate Coleman and Katelyn Sharp from Farm Fresh, and Kayleigh Brewer from Keswick. The chaperone will be Kate Folkins from Farm Fresh.

4-H Canada Leadership Summit: The 2025 Leadership Summit took place virtually from April 11-13th. NB sent the following delegates: Andrea Callahan and Karen Hargrove from River Valley and Amy Montgomery from Countryside. In 2026, the Leadership Summit will be in February in Calgary.

International Rural Exchange Trip: There was no 2025 trip, however plans are in place to proceed with a 2026 trip.

Scholarships:

McDonalds Canada Scholarship (\$5,000): For 4-H members pursuing agriculture education. 8 \$5,000 scholarships were available this year.

There were no recipients from New Brunswick.

John Deere Canada 4-H Scholarships (\$1,000): For 4-H members in a degree, certificate, or trade-based program. Christine Adams from Keswick Ridge 4-H Club was a recipient this year.

TD 4-H Agriculture Scholarship (\$2,500): For 4-H members in an agriculture, ag-science, or agri-business program. Abby Hunter from the Debec 4-H Club was a recipient this year.

MNP 4-H Canada Scholarship (\$2,000): For senior 4-H members across Canada who are planning to pursue post-secondary education in an eligible business-related program.

There were no recipients from New Brunswick.

Campbellbrook Fund Scholarship (\$1,000): For senior 4-H members from coast-to-coast who intend to pursue a post-secondary education in a trade-based program or apprenticeship, and who plan to apply their education in a career that supports the agriculture sector.

There were no recipients from New Brunswick

Other Campaigns: Outreach Initiatives

Show Your 4-H Colors: SY4HC happened on November 3rd, 2025. We offered the same photo contest from previous years and had 9 participants. The winners were: Cody Whyte from Napan for leaders, Daisy Kirkpatrick from Keswick Ridge for Juniors, and Maddex Sandford from Napan for Cloverbuds.

Making a Splash: This program is geared towards supporting a healthy water ecosystem. It has a free activity book to download on the 4-H Canada website for 4-H leaders, members and families.

Powered Up: This program focuses on alternative, affordable and clean energy. There is a free activity book to download on the 4-H Canada website for 4-H leaders, members and families.

Proud to be a 4-H'er: This program looks at pollinators and how they help create a healthy and sustainable food supply. There is a free activity book to download on the 4-H Canada website for 4-H leaders, members and families.

My Career, My Future: My Career, My Future offers 4-H Canada members and their clubs across the country the opportunity to learn about the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal: Decent Work and Economic Growth and how they can play a role in supporting full and productive employment and decent work for all.

Food For Thought: Food For Thought introduces youth to Sustainable Development Goal: Zero Hunger and helps them to discover their personal role in food security and food accessibility in their community, their country, and their world. Food For Thought is the perfect chance to encourage youth to gain an understanding of the impact food waste has on their community and what they can do to help.

Dig Into Soil: Dig into Soil provides hands-on learning experiences for youth to discover how healthy soils contribute to addressing climate change while empowering them to champion soil conservation activities in their own communities. This initiative allows youth to learn either at home with their families or through their 4-H club supported by volunteer leaders.

Awards:

Distinguished Alumni Award: This award is presented to someone who shows outstanding leadership and contributions to the 4-H program as an Alumni. There was no recipient for 2024/2025.

National Volunteer Leader of the Year Award: This award recognizes volunteer leaders that go above and beyond as a 4-H leader. They dedicate time and energy to bettering the 4-H program in their club to help shape their members to be the best they can be. The winning national volunteer will receive \$1,000 and an invitation to the 2025 Leadership Summit. The provincial winner for each province will win \$100 and an additional \$100 to use towards a party for their club. There were no recipients for 2024/2025.

Honorary Members: This award is presented to an individual who has embodied 4-H values through their life and have delivered outstanding services to one or more levels of the organization. The recipient this year was David Hovell from Nova Scotia.

Grants:

FCC Club Fund Grant: This year, there was a total of \$100,000 available, with up to \$500 available per club. The money can be used to support the club's programming including local events and exchanges, supporting volunteers, or purchasing resources or materials. The clubs/districts that received this grant in 2024/25 from New Brunswick were: Chignecto, Eastern District, Sussex Holstein, and McKees Mills.

The 2025 recipients will be announced late December/early January.

Current Funding Status: NB 4-H Annual SCAP funding remains at \$100,000 per year. We are entering year 2 of a 5-year agreement.

Youth Safety and Risk Management:

4-H in Canada Accreditation: 4-H New Brunswick achieved Accreditation status on May 19th, 2021. NB 4-H passed the accreditation check for 2025 and remains in good standing.

Youth Safety at 4-H in Canada: All volunteers must complete the screening process to be allowed to be involved in the 4-H program. The current training and forms needed are: either New or Returning Leader Form, signed Code of Conduct and Covid-19 Waiver, Interview Questions (only if you are a new leader), an updated Criminal Record Check from the past 3 years, 3 References (if applying to be a new leader), Commit to Kids training (there will be refresher training after three years) and Youth Safety Training (there will be a three year refresher training). 4-H Canada has provided a refresher training course that will be shared with leaders who need to complete it. New leaders have been able to successfully complete and upload their screening documents and forms through the NB 4-H registration platform.