Criteria for an Up to Date Record Book for the Marias Fair

Adapted from Montana 4-H publication, 'For the Record' – A 4-H Member's Guide for Completing 4-H Records, available at http://montana4h.org/documents/resources/record_books/for_the_record.pdf

Record book should be assembled in following order

My 4-H Year – 1st, Project Journal(s) – 2nd, Animal Record – 3rd (with corresponding project journal)

To exhibit at the Marias Fair:

Member, parent, and leader should check and initial that each item is completed through June 30.

Project Journals		
	There are at least 3 goals written, specific to the project	
	Any activities member has participated in specific to the project (weigh-in, project related workshops, tournaments, tours, shows, etc.) and what was learned has been recorded	
	Financial journal, specific to the project, including any income and expenses (entry fees, project supplies, gas to a tournament/show, etc.) is up to date	
	Animal Record (for livestock projects only) are up to date including animal's description, beginning weight and value, feed record by each month, etc.	
Project Books		
	Required number of activities in the project book have been completed between October 1 and June 30 of current 4-H year (Livestock projects need 5 activities completed)	
	2 learning experiences, specific to the project, have been completed between October 1 and June 30 of current 4-H year (example: project workshop, clinic, etc.)	

To earn a "Gold Seal of Excellence" at the end of the year:

Members who turn in a completed record book by the August deadline will be eligible for end of the year Roundtable awards. Members have until September 30 of current 4-H year, to turn in their books for completion only. The criteria for a completed record book (to earn the "Gold Seal of Excellence") is:

My 4-I	I Year Section
	Identify at least 3 goals for the 'My 4-H year' related to the 4-H year as a whole
	Complete the "My 4-H Year" journal forms listing meeting participation, offices and committees, promotional presentations, communication activities, and awards and honors
	Record all activities participated in (livestock judging, demonstrations, community service projects, speeches, Leadership Lunches, project days, shooting sports tournaments, tours, shows, fair, etc.) in the "My 4-H Year" section
	Member needs to have completed a minimum of 3 activities by the end of the 4-H year
Projec	t Journals
	Criteria outlined above for fair has been met, with activities, financial journals, and Animal Record (if applicable) completed through the end of the project (including fair activities, income/expenses, etc.)
Projec	t Books
	Required number of activities in the project book have been completed (Livestock projects need 7 activities completed)
	2 learning experiences, specific to the project, have been completed

Forms are available at http://montana4h.org/resources/index.html under the 'Record Books' section to do on the computer or print and use, *or* paper forms are available at the Extension Office. These criteria must be met to be eligible for Council scholarship monies and enrollment in a livestock project in the following year.