4-H Story Template for Portfolio

Your 4-H Portfolio culminates in sharing the story of your varied experiences during your time as a 4-H member. The 4-H Portfolio Story is your opportunity to showcase what your 4-H participation has meant to you and how it has prepared you as a leader and citizen of the world. The 4-H Portfolio is completed annually and is required in application to 4-H National Trips.

Pick a theme and build your story around that theme so the story flows naturally. If you are having trouble developing a theme, you may use the following questions to help think about what to say. You can present your story in a format that meets your needs (written, video, blog, photo journal, etc.).

Part 1 - About You (Health)

What might be one of your sparks (interests or passions)?

What are your plans for your future?

Part 2 – 4-H Projects and Activities (Head)

What goals did you set in your projects and which ones did you reach?

What would you do differently if you were to try it again?

What skills have you learned in 4-H?

How have you handled financing your projects, if needed?

Who was especially helpful to you? How?

Part 3 – Leadership and Citizenship (Hands)

How has 4-H helped you become a better leader and citizen?

In what types of citizenship projects or leadership roles have you been involved?

How did you work with others to contribute to your community or your school?

What have you learned from working with other 4-H’ers through your leadership positions?
Part 4 – 4-H’s Impact on You (Heart)

What kinds of relationships have you developed with your 4-H leaders?

How has your 4-H participation changed how you feel about yourself?

How has your participation influenced your school and career goals?

What has being a 4-H member meant to you?

How has 4-H helped you identify your spark (passion or interest)?