

Jeffco 4-H Stan Sours Versatility Award 2024-2025



Versatility is being capable of doing many things competently and having a wide variety of skills.

TRACKING SHEETS ARE DUE: At the September 2025 Horse Council Meeting
They can be dropped off or mailed to the Extension Office or emailed to jpukrop@jeffco.us

Note that tracking sheets turned in after the deadline will not be accepted. Postmarks will not be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact Jefferson County agent Josey Pukrop @ 303-271-6620.

This award is given in honor of Stan Sours who at age 14 was selected as outstanding 4-H member. Stan was active with the Horse industry and the agriculture community. He received many awards for his dedication to the Horse Industry and in 2002 was named Top Hand of the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo for his volunteer work. He served on the Jefferson County Fairgrounds Advisory Board for 21 years and was a member of the board of directors of the Continental Divide Trail Alliance, Colorado Horse Park, Roundup Riders of the Rockies, and a member of the Colorado Horse Council.

Stan taught people respect through his actions. His daughter Shirlene said that her father would say it wasn't really important how much people liked you, but instead how much they respected you. He said that respect is so much more difficult to obtain but in the long run is more rewarding.

Stan did everything with honesty and dignity and he treated everyone with fairness, respect, and consideration. You know, it is often said in 4-H that it is better to have a blue-ribbon kid with a red-ribbon project than to have a red-ribbon kid with a blue-ribbon project. Stan Sours characterized this philosophy.

Stan Sours touched and influenced so many lives through his horsemanship and love of people. Stan Sours symbolized VERSATILITY.



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ALL INFORMATION MUST BE SIGNED OFF ON BY AN ADULT LEADER OTHER THAN A PARENT.

1) Fundraising:

- a) Points awarded equal 15% of dollar value raised for Horse Council donations, Other 4-H donations the points value is 10% of the dollar value.
- b) Fundraising for 4-H through soliciting donations of cash or products for silent auction or resale at a sponsored fundraiser.
- c) For products donated, please have donor give suggested retail price. Example: If someone donates a case of horse shampoo containing 12 bottles to 4-H that is worth \$4 a bottle $4 \times 12 = \$48$.
- d) Product value or donation round up to the next \$10 increment. Example: \$42 round up to \$50.
- e) Cash raised is equal to face value.

2) Record Books:

- a) Must be turned in by county deadline
- b) To qualify you must score a 70% or better on your record book. Points earned will be equivalent to percentage received: Example: 70%=70 points, 100%=100 points, etc.

3) Leveling Recognition:

Western/Ranch Horse Level I written				12.5
Western/Ranch Horse Level I riding				12.5
Western/Ranch Horse written test Level II				25
Western Riding Level II	25	Ranch Horse Riding Level II	25	
Western/Ranch Horse written test Level III *				50
Western Riding Level III	50	Ranch Horse Riding Level III	50	
Western/Ranch Horse written test Level IV *				100
Western Riding Level IV	100	Ranch Horse Riding Level IV	100	

English Level I written				12.5
English Level I riding				12.5
English Level II written				25
English Level II riding				25
English written test Level III *				50
Hunt Seat Level III	50	Dressage Level III	50	
Saddle Seat Level III				50
English written test Level IV *				100
Hunt Seat Level IV	100	Dressage Level IV	100	
Saddle Seat Level IV				100

* For English & Western Level III & IV you must complete the written test and one of the riding disciplines to level. You do not have to complete both to earn points just to earn your level certification. You can complete the other riding disciplines for additional points.

4) Horse Council Attendance: 20 points per meeting.

- a) Must attend at least two meetings to be eligible for these points.
- b) Points to be assigned to meetings attended beyond two.
- c) Horse Council Meeting Minutes will be used to verify attendance. It is your responsibility to verify your name is listed in the minutes (the easiest way to do this is by making or seconding a motion!)

5) Horse Council Officers: Can miss two unreported meetings, more than two and you will not get officer points.

- a) Horse Council President – 100 points
- b) Horse Council Vice-President – 90 points
- c) Horse Council Secretary – 80 points
- d) Horse Council Treasurer – 70 points
- e) Other Horse Council Offices – 60 points

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- 6) **Club Attendance:** Points are equivalent to number of meetings attended
- a) Please list all meetings with your attendance per category at the **end** of the 4-H year.
 - b) Must be an active and consistent member with 70% attendance or higher in each category to get points in this category. You have the potential to earn 150 points.
 - A. General Meetings – 70% or more = 50 Points, less than 70% no points
 - B. Horse Unmounted Meetings – 70% or more = 50 Points, less than 70% no points
 - C. Ring Rides - 70% or more = 50 Points, less than 70% no points
 - c) Recognized horse project clubs are 4-H United, Bibber Creek Spurs, Equilite, Foothills 4-H Club, Pleasant Park Shooting Stars, Conifer Wranglers and the Community Farm.
 - d) If a new club or activity forms the 4-H office will adjust this list accordingly.
- 7) **Club Officer in Primary Club:** Leaders will sign off on your Versatility Points sheet.
- a) Club President – 100 points
 - b) Club Vice-President – 90 points
 - c) Club Secretary – 80 points
 - d) Club Treasurer – 70 points
 - e) Other Club Offices – 60 points
- 8) **Activities:** 10 points per activity or demonstration, 20 Points if demonstration is at a horse council meeting, 20 Points for each day you participate in a 4-H Conference.
- a) Leadership Development Conference, Colorado Leadership Camp, Youth Fest, Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Conference, Western National Round-up, National 4-H Congress, Horse Judging Contests, Hippology Contests, Horse Bowl Contests, or other 4-H sanctioned activities pre-approved by the County Agent.
 - b) Demonstrations must be presented to horse clubs.
 - c) Members are only allowed to do one demonstration at a horse council meeting per 4-H year.
- 9) **Horse Shows:**
- a) 4-H Sanctioned Shows count as 20 points each (points tabulations sheets will be used to verify participation; please provide proof of participation for out of county 4-H shows).
 - b) Jeffco 4-H Fair Horse show counts as 25 Points per day (points tabulations sheets will be used to verify attendance)
 - c) State Fair Horse Show counts as 30 Points per day (Extension agent to verify participation)
 - d) Non 4-H Horse show counts as 5 points (Parent/Guardian signing tracking sheet will verify participation)
- 10) **Clinics:** 10 points per clinic.
- a) Show Clinics, Groundwork Clinics, Educational Clinics and Horse Activity Clinics.
 - b) Clinics must be horse related.

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11) Community Service:

- 5 points per 1 hour increment
- 1 point per 15-minute increments (if activity is under an hour)
- a) Serving on any committee will qualify. Points are based on hours worked.
- b) Various 4-H, Senator, State or District Officer, County Council, Horse Council, State Fair Teen Clerk, etc., activities qualify (ask county agent if not listed).
- c) Helping at a show with ribbons, gate, ring steward, concessions, etc.
- d) Helping a neighbor clear their driveway of snow, mowing an elderly neighbor's yard, volunteering at Horse Protection League, National Western Stock Show School Tours, or helping someone else on your own free time or through your 4-H horse club that you do not get compensated for.
- e) Community Service hours required by school, or other clubs, i.e., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, National Honor Society, Youth Group, Westernaires, etc., cannot be counted for Versatility community service points.

12) Team Attendance: .

- a) Activities that count are Horse Judging, Hippology & Horse Bowl
- b) Must be an active and consistent member with 70% attendance or higher.
- c) 50 Points for being on a team and 25 points for each contest you participate in

Code of Conduct violations will be handled on a case-by-case basis through the County 4-H Office. If someone feels a member has violated the code, please contact the County 4-H Office. Violations of the Code of Conduct could result in disqualification. County 4-H Office has final say on any questionable or unverifiable activities.

The 4-H Horse members with the top three highest scores, regardless of age, will be awarded the scholarships. Your award funds will be kept in a savings account managed by the Horse Council adult treasurer until you graduate from high school, at which time a check will be written out to you to use specifically for educational purposes.

TIE- BREAKERS:

- a) Fundraising
- b) Attendance
- c) Record Book
- d) Leveling

Keep track of all your points in the Stan Sours Excel Tracking Spreadsheet. This form should be filled out electronically to allow the spreadsheet to calculate points (you may print it out and handwrite information throughout the year to keep track of your activities if you do not have access to excel). The sheet must be signed by a parent/guardian, adult leader (other than a parent/guardian), and the member.