

Cloverbud Explorers: Enhancing Cloverbud Engagement Countywide

Section 1 - Current Involvement and Leadership in FAE4-HA

As an active member of FAE4-HA, I currently serve as President-Elect (2024-2025) and have previously held multiple leadership roles, including 1st Vice President (2023-2024), 2nd Vice President (2022-2023), and District 9 Director (2021-2023). Additionally, I serve on the Programs Committee and Member Recognition Committee, supporting member engagement, professional development, and statewide programming initiatives. I have contributed as a State Communicator Awards Judge (2019-2024), State Awards Judge (2024), and Abstract & Poster Reviewer (2018-2022, 2024). My scholarly contributions include 92 multimedia presentations at local, state, and national levels, 29 refereed abstracts, 13 national conference presentations, and 11 state presentations. I have also coauthored 1 refereed and 10 non-refereed publications, reinforcing my commitment to advancing best practices in 4-H youth development. Beyond leadership and scholarship, I actively serve on the 4-H Volunteer Action Team, 4-H School Enrichment Action Team (2021-2025), and the Opportunity for All Workforce Development Committee (2020-2024), where I facilitated a book club in 2022. Additionally, I provide leadership to the 4-H Area West Horse Show Committee as a Chair/Co-Chair (2024/2023).

Section 2: Outline your plans and include a timeline. Include your plans to enhance the program as well as how you plan to share what you accomplished with your-peers.

Polk County 4-H has seen continuous growth in Cloverbud enrollment, increasing from 79 participants in 2022–2023, to 93 in 2023–2024, and 139 in 2024–2025. Feedback from volunteers, families, and program evaluations highlighted the need for more structured, countywide learning experiences beyond clubs, as well as curriculum support to enhance Cloverbud programming. In response, the Cooking with Cloverbuds program, a four-part cooking series led by the Family and Consumer Science agent was introduced during the 2023–2024 4-H year. To further support club leaders and families, four Cloverbud curriculums (Exploring 4-H, All About Pets, All About Insects, and Marshmallow Rockets) were provided at no cost, enriching learning opportunities within 4-H clubs. The Polk County 4-H Cloverbud Fair also offers a non-competitive environment for Cloverbuds to showcase their project work, fostering confidence and self-esteem. Building on these efforts, we aim to expand programming by adding monthly educational workshops, enhanced volunteer training, and curriculum support to create a more structured and engaging Cloverbud experience.

Cloverbud Explorers Implementation Timeline -*Volunteer Training & Curriculum Support*

The countywide Cloverbud program called the Cloverbud Explorers will launch in September 2025 and run through April, culminating in the 4-H Cloverbud Fair.

- Dec 2024 – Jan 2025: Recruit Cloverbud Program Committee volunteers, review, and order Big Book of 4-H Cloverbud Activities.
- Feb – Mar 2025: Establish a committee, define roles, plan activities using *The Big Book of 4-H Cloverbud Activities* and recruit skill-based adult and teen volunteers for monthly workshops.

- Apr – Jun 2025: Finalize workshop activities, develop Grab-and-Go Activity Boxes, and identify community spaces to hold monthly workshops.
- Jul – Aug 2025: Train volunteers on curriculum and workshop facilitation, assign roles, and promote the program to families.
- Sept 2025: Launch Cloverbud Explorers with an introductory session.
- May 2026: Evaluate the new model, volunteer training and usability of the boxes.

Program outcomes and successes will be shared through workshops and poster sessions at state and national conferences, 4-H monthly connections, in-service training, and resource-sharing efforts, serving as a scalable model for other counties looking to expand or support Cloverbud programming.

Section 3: State your need for this scholarship, including the amount requested. Provide a budget outlining expected expenses and describe any anticipated financial assistance.

With increasing Cloverbud enrollment in Polk County 4-H, this expansion ensures a consistent, high-quality educational experience at both the county and club levels. While the Polk County 4-H Foundation provides up to \$300 in funding for the Cloverbud Fair, this award will fully equip six Grab-and-Go Activity Boxes, which serve as structured curriculum for volunteers, strengthen their confidence in leading activities, and establish a sustainable, replicable Cloverbud program model.

Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Cloverbud Curriculum for Volunteers			
<i>Clover Cubes</i>	2	\$15.00	\$30.00
Total Cost for Volunteer Curriculum			\$30.00
Grab-and-Go Activity Boxes (6 Kits for 70 Youth)			
October: STEM Box – Moo-ving Milk Experiment			\$82.00
• Whole, 2%, 1%, and skim milk (small cartons)	10 total	\$1.50	\$15.00
• Disposable plastic plates	70	\$0.10	\$7.00
• Food coloring (red, green, blue, yellow)	4 sets	\$3.00	\$12.00
• Dishwashing liquid	2 bottles	\$4.00	\$8.00
• Cooking oil	2 bottles	\$5.00	\$10.00
• Pipettes or small droppers	20	\$0.50	\$10.00
• Additional supplies (e.g. Cotton swabs, experiment recording sheets)	1 set	\$20.00	\$20.00
November: Healthy Lifestyles Box	1 Kit	Estimated	\$85.00
December: Plants & Animals Box	1 Kit	Estimated	\$90.00
January: Environmental Science Box	1 Kit	Estimated	\$78.00
February: Citizenship & Civic Education Box	1 Kit	Estimated	\$70.00
March: Community & Expressive Arts Box	1 Kit	Estimated	\$65.00
Total Cost for Grab-and-Go Activity Boxes			\$470.00
Grand Total Estimated Cost			\$500.00

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Dear FAE4-HA B.J. Allen County Enhancement Award Committee,

With immense pleasure and without reservation, I recommend Ms. Shreemoyee Ghosh for the B.J. Allen County Enhancement Award. Shreemoyee's dedication to 4-H youth development is truly exceptional, and her proposed "Cloverbud Explorers: Enhancing Cloverbud Engagement Countywide" program represents a significant and much-needed initiative for Polk County's youngest 4-H members.

Shreemoyee's extensive involvement and leadership within FAE4-HA speak volumes about her commitment to the organization. Her current role as President-Elect, coupled with her previous service as 1st and 2nd Vice President, District 9 Director, and active participation on numerous committees (Programs, Member Recognition, Volunteer Action Team, School Enrichment Action Team, and Opportunity for All Workforce Development Committee, to name a few), demonstrate her unwavering dedication to strengthening 4-H at all levels. Her contributions as a State Communicator and Awards Judge and her impressive record of presentations, publications, and scholarly activity further underscore her expertise and passion for youth development. Her 4-H Area West Horse Show Committee leadership also showcases her ability to manage and guide large-scale programs effectively.

The "Cloverbud Explorers" program is a testament to Shreemoyee's vision and proactive approach to addressing the growing needs of Polk County's Cloverbud population. With Cloverbud enrollment steadily increasing, the need for a structured, countywide program is evident. The proposed monthly educational workshops, enhanced volunteer training, and comprehensive curriculum support, all culminating in the Cloverbud Fair, will provide invaluable learning opportunities for these young members. The program's detailed implementation timeline, from volunteer recruitment and training to activity development and promotion, demonstrates Shreemoyee's meticulous planning and commitment to successful execution. Furthermore, her plan to share program outcomes through state and national conferences, 4-H monthly connections, and in-service training highlights her dedication to disseminating best practices that benefit other counties.

I wholeheartedly believe that Shreemoyee Ghosh and the "Cloverbud Explorers" program highly deserve the B.J. Allen County Enhancement Award. This program will undoubtedly make a lasting positive impact on the lives of Polk County's Cloverbuds, providing them with a strong foundation for future 4-H involvement. The requested funding will be instrumental in equipping the Grab-and-Go Activity Boxes and providing essential curriculum resources, ensuring the program's success and sustainability.

I am confident that Shreemoyee has the leadership skills, experience, and passion to make "Cloverbud Explorers" a resounding success. I urge the committee to consider her application favorably.

Sincerely,



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