



4-H GENERAL PROJECT EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

Exhibiting in the 4-H Exhibit is a privilege. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to follow the general rules of this division and the exhibit requirements for the specific class entered.

Exhibitors:

- Exhibitors must be currently enrolled as a 4-H member and have been at least 8 years old as of September 1, 2024.
- Exhibitors must be enrolled in the project or have participated in the activity in which they are exhibiting during the current year.
- For youth and families: Conference judging is not about preparing a presentation. Judging is meant to be a conversation between the judge and 4-H member (or group) about the project and the learning experience. You may bring notes if you wish. Tips on creating an engaging display board are available at go.illinois.edu/4HDisplayTips.

General exhibit guidelines:

- Some exhibit areas may have size limitations. Read the descriptions carefully. Please choose a display size which is most appropriate for the exhibit you are bringing. Larger does not always mean better; use good judgement in creating your exhibit. Exhibitors will need to carry their project from the distant parking lots on the fairgrounds. TABLES ARE PROVIDED. Do not bring your own.
- Innovation classes are open to all 4-H members in the project areas listed. Members choosing to exhibit in the Innovation class may be enrolled in any level of the project they are studying. Members choosing to exhibit in the Innovation class decide the best way to show off their project mastery and knowledge for the year in that project category. Some suggestions are provided for each category, but members may choose any method they want for demonstrating project learning as long as it does not fit in any other class in that category. Only selected projects categories have an Innovation option.
- **Project Manuals: Some projects require a project manual, book, workbook, or guide. These are indicated with a book icon.**

Copyright and clover usage:

Copyright Reminder: It is illegal for youth to use an image or brand that someone else owns as part of their 4-H project exhibit without the permission of the copyright/trademark holder. Copyrighted or trademarked designs are not acceptable; this includes team logos, school logos, and/or characters from television, movies such as Disney characters, Iron Man etc.

More details in the new "Copyright Guidelines Tipsheet:

go.illinois.edu/ll4HCopyrightGuidelines.

Use of the green clover shaped image is not protected. The 4-H Emblem is distinguished by the four H's that signify Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. No creative rendering, changing in color or shape of the official 4-H emblem is allowed.

Project Changes for the 2024-2025 4-H Show Guides

Animal Science General Project

Youth participating in the Animal Science General Project Show are not required to complete QAEC or YQCA.

Child Development has become Babysitting

Clothing has become Sewing

Drones: Unmanned Aerial Vehicles/Systems

Choose one of the classes based on your interest and skill level. Each exhibitor must complete the first 2 sections, and at least 3 Real World Missions in the Quads Away Curriculum and display a completed mission logbook.

Entomology General

All displays should be comprised of non-living specimens properly prepared for display. Rules for pinning and labeling insects are available. Projects focused on Arachnids (Spiders) should be displayed in Nature: Natural Resources & Outdoor Adventures in the Exploring Your Environment (50257a or 50257b) class.

Health has become Everyday Food and Fitness

Prepare a display, digital presentation, or poster exhibit that demonstrates the knowledge and understanding gained through the completion of the Everyday Food and Fitness project. Your exhibit should include at least two activities to highlight what you learned from completing this project. You may also include live demonstrations of physical activities. Do not bring food made using the recipes but consider adding pictures of the completed recipes to your exhibit. Be ready to answer questions about how you shared the information you learned with others. Examples include talks and demonstrations and hosting or assisting with a workshop. Although not required, it is a good idea to bring your project guide for others to see and for you to share as needed during conference judging.

Floriculture B

Space required for container exhibits, artistic displays, and fairy gardens must not exceed 24" x 24" x 48" unless otherwise indicated.

Floriculture C

The size of the terrarium should be appropriate for use on a table at home, and no larger than 12" deep, 18" long, and 16" high.

Horticulture: Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits

Fruit plate list:

- Apples – 5
- Grapes – 2 bunches
- Pears – 5
- Strawberries (Everbearers) – 1 pint
- Wild Plums – 1 pint
- Other Small Fruit or Berries (Do not duplicate entries from the above fruits) – 1 pint
- Other Fruits or Nuts (Do not duplicate entries from the above fruits) – 5

Intercultural

In addition to their display, youth should bring a copy of their Passport to the World project manual to judging. Sections of the book related to what they focus on in their display should be completed. Please note: judging for the individual project should not include a planned presentation about the chosen country. Judging is meant to be a conversation between the judge and member about the project and the learning experience.

Interior Design

All interior design divisions (beginning, intermediate, and advanced) are required to provide visual documentation of their project process. This can include photos or videos showing the steps they took to create, refinish, or redesign their furniture items.

- Design Decisions, Beginning For members with 2 or less years of experience in project area or related experiences.
- Design Decisions, Intermediate For members with 3 to 4 years of experience in project area or related experiences.
- Design Decisions, Advanced (SF 50244) For members with 5 or more years of experience in project area or related experiences.

Community Service is now Service Learning

Veterinary Science

- Veterinary Science 1 Open to youth in Veterinary Science A, B, and C. For youth enrolled in this project 1-2 years.
- Veterinary Science 2 Open to youth in Veterinary Science A, B, and C. For youth enrolled in this project 3 or more years.
 - Prepare a display focusing on any activity related to the veterinary science project. The exhibit may include, but isn't limited to, original works, objects, demonstrations, digital presentations, programs, websites, games, apps, performances, or posters which you have made. Choose whatever method best shows what you've learned. You must furnish any equipment you need for your exhibit. Internet service will not be provided for the exhibit. All exhibits must include something visual, such as a printed copy of a digital presentation, which will remain on display during the exhibition. Electronic equipment will only be used during your personal judging time and will not remain on display during the entire exhibit period. Live animals are not permitted as exhibits in this area. For safety reasons, exhibits cannot include glass, syringes with needles or any other sharp objects. Exhibits may include activities from Veterinary Science projects OR from any other animal project area.

Video

There will be TV monitors at the exhibit table for viewing videos so exhibitors will NOT need to bring a laptop or device for viewing at the State Fair. However, at the county level, you need to bring your own device (including a way for your judge to hear your video) for viewing.

Photo/Model releases from individuals appearing in the videos are required unless the video is of a group in a public place where identification would not be an issue. The photo release can be obtained at:

Visual Arts

- Chalk/Carbon/Pigment on Canvas, Division A
- Chalk/Carbon/Pigment on Paper, Division B
 - Any original artwork done with pencils, chalk, pens, ink, paint, charcoal, dyes, etc., on paper. This would include all painting, sketching, drawing, cartooning, original non-computer-generated graphics, printing, etc. Drawings and paintings should be matted or framed under glass. (Exceptions: Oil and acrylic paintings do not require glass and are not required to be matted.) Watercolor, chalk, pen & ink, etc. do require some protective covering. Gallery frames are acceptable. Matted pieces without frames are acceptable, however the piece must be prepared for hanging OR it must include a photo of the artwork being displayed in a non-hanging manner. There is no specific requirement for the type of mat used.
- Chalk/Carbon/Pigment: Division C: Glass, Wood, Metal, Textiles
 - Any original artwork done with pencils, chalk, pens, ink, paint, charcoal, dyes, etc., on glass, wood, metal, and textiles. This would include all painting, sketching, drawing, cartooning, original non-computer-generated graphics, printing, etc. Painted and/or glazed pre-formed ceramics and painted porcelain dolls are not eligible for the State Fair exhibit. Drawings and paintings should be matted or framed under glass. (Exceptions: Oil and acrylic paintings do not require glass and are not required to be matted.) Watercolor, chalk, pen & ink, etc. do require some protective covering. Gallery frames are acceptable. Matted pieces without frames are acceptable, however the piece must be prepared for hanging OR it must include a photo of the artwork being displayed in a non-hanging manner. There is no specific requirement for the type of mat used.

Visual Arts

- Visual Arts Computer-Generated Art Graphic Design (SF 50370)
 - Any original art created in any software package that displays visual information, such as an advertisement, publication, website, or any other type of visual communication by effectively combining text and graphics. If using clip art, downloaded images, imported images, or photographs, they must be either royalty-free or owned by the exhibitor.
- Visual Arts Three-Dimensional Design/Mixed Media - Diorama (SF 50351)
 - Exhibit a model representing a scene with three-dimensional figures. The display must be built on rigid wood (i.e., plywood). Exhibits may include but are not limited to, farm displays, historical events, landmarks, habitats, or scenes from a book. Exhibits may include pre-manufactured items such as tractors, animals, or figurines, but should also include artistic elements where possible. Due to space limitations, any single exhibit in the Three-Dimensional Design/Mixed Media: Diorama project should NOT exceed 48" x 48".

Welding

This exhibit class is open to any member eligible to participate in 4-H and show at the county/state fair



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