

## 2020 Clinton County 4-H Showbook Show Rules

### **MEMBERSHIP**

- A club year is September 1 to August 31.
- Any boy or girl who is at least 5 years of age but has not yet turned 19 years of age on September 1 of the current 4-H year can be a member.
- **Members age 5-7 are Cloverbuds and should refer to the [Cloverbud Handbook](#) for ideas or they can bring anything they want.** They may exhibit at the show but do not receive 4-H premium monies or show live animals. Cloverbuds are judged separately and receive a participation ribbon at the show and one Champion will be awarded.
- A boy or girl may enroll in a club or as an independent member with a mentor.
- **Multi-county 4-H members:** 4-Hers may enroll in more than one project or activity, and can be members in more than one county. HOWEVER, they *cannot* enroll in the same project or activity in more than one county. Multi-county 4-H members may receive 4-H premiums from only ONE county.

### **4-H MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT**

All youth who participate in Illinois 4-H Youth Development programs, which are planned, conducted, and supervised by University of Illinois Extension, are responsible for their own conduct. Youth participating in 4-H programs are expected to demonstrate the character traits of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Specifically, 4-H youth are expected to abide by the following behavior guidelines.

- Be courteous and respect others.
- Obey all rules established by the University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development program, and those of the local club/group, as well as, local and state laws.
- Treat all people fairly and animals humanely.
- Respect the property of others.
- Respect the authority of adult or youth volunteers, paid Extension staff, and others in leadership roles.
- Use appropriate language and wear acceptable clothing at 4-H activities and events.
- Show kindness to others and give assistance when needed.
- Be honest and honor commitments.
- Strive for personal best and keep trying to improve.
- Accept responsibility for personal choices.

**The following conduct will NOT be allowed while participating in any 4-H event or activity and is subject to disciplinary action:**

- Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and other controlled substances, including tobacco products\*
- Theft or destruction of public or private property.
- Involvement in sexual misconduct or harassment.
- Unauthorized possession or use of weapons or dangerous material
- Fighting or other acts of violence.

**COUNTY SHOW POLICY FOR 4-H MEMBERS**

- **SHOW DEADLINES:**
  - **May 1 enrollment fees paid and all projects enrolled in 4-H online**
  - **June 1 Public Speaking**
  - **June 19 General Project Show uploaded to Fair Entry**
  - **July 1 Live Animal entry deadline**
  - **TBD Horse entry deadline**
- **Projects will be entered online via <http://clinton4-hfair.fairentry.com>.**
  - Fair Entry instructions can be found [HERE](#)
- **If a member does not enter their project classes in fair entry they will not be eligible to show.**
- In order for a 4-H member to be eligible to exhibit a project at the county show and receive premiums, they **must attend four (4) 4-H sponsored activities** during the current 4-H year, this includes: workshops, club meetings, county, unit, regional, and state events.
- **Enrollment fees must be received and projects added to 4-H online May 1 in order to participate in the shows.**
- Members are only allowed one project entry per exhibit class, except where noted. However, 4-H is progressive learning, members should compete at the highest level based on his/her experience and skill.
- All projects must be original works of art, except where noted.
- Members must exhibit their own project unless Extension staff have approved a reasonable accommodation.
- Recommended Poster/Display board size is 36 x 48. Some project areas call for smaller displays for State Fair noted within the project category.
- Extension Staff reserve the right to make show changes as necessary.

**PREMIUMS**

- All eligible Clinton County 4-H members who exhibit in Clinton County 4-H Shows could receive up to a **maximum of three (3) premium monies for projects exhibited**. 4-H members are allowed to receive one premium **per project area** exhibited in premium eligible projects.
- The Illinois Department of Agriculture provides 4-H premium money. The Illinois Department of Agriculture shall use its best efforts to secure sufficient appropriations to fund premiums. In any year for which the General Assembly of the State of Illinois fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such premiums, premium amount may not be accurately reflected in the Illinois State Fair Junior Department Premium Book and the Clinton County 4-H Show Book.
- Premiums will be determined using the “X” factor calculation.
- **No premium money will be paid on exhibits removed before judging is complete.** All projects must be left on display until all judging is complete, winners have been announced in the project area, and released by Extension Staff.
- Tax Implications for Prizes, Gifts or Awards: Program Participants (including minors) will be required to provide their social security number or foreign national tax ID number prior to receiving a prize, gift or award to ensure proper IRS reporting as required by law. This sensitive information is kept confidential and handled through security protected software (PEAR). Participants will not be eligible for prize, gift or award if social security or foreign national tax ID information is not provided.

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### **CONFERENCE JUDGING**

Conference judging is used for judging most exhibits. This is a one-on-one discussion between the 4-H member and the judge of that project area. The judge will ask the member questions about their project. For example, the judge may ask: *Why did you do it this way? What did you like about what you made? What changes would you make to your 4-H project?* A member learns from the conference with the judge, as well as improves his/her communication skills every time they exhibit.

- Ribbons will be awarded by rating A, B, and C.
  - A Rating – Blue Ribbon Meets Requirements
  - B Rating – Red Ribbon Needs Improvements
  - C Rating – White Ribbon Needs Much Improvement
- Judges' decisions are final.
- All judging score sheets can be found on the Illinois 4-H Website:  
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects>

### **State Fair General Project – Clinton County Show Date is August 16**

Judges will select state fair delegates and alternates based on project completion and conference judging experience. Our county quota is listed under each project area and indicates the maximum number of entries we are allowed. It is up to the judge to determine whether or not a project is state fair worthy. In some cases, a county may send fewer projects to state than the quota allows.

A 4-H member may enter only one individual exhibit and one group exhibit in the 4-H State Fair General Project Show.

Exhibitors must be present for judging. No Skype or Face Time sessions will be allowed. If a 4-H member needs a reasonable accommodation to participate in the General Project Show, please contact the Illinois State 4-H Office @ [illinois4H@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu) by August 1, 2020.

The **2020 State 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held during the State Fair.** 4-H members selected in their county contest may present one public speaking entry in addition to their individual and group exhibits in the general project show. The member will speak on the same day their county is attending the state fair general project show

All exhibits must be products or speech of the current 4-H year (September 1, 2019 - August 13, 2020). The same product that is selected at the county level must be the one exhibited at the State Fair (except for Food & Nutrition (must be the same recipe), Crops, Floriculture, and Vegetable Gardening exhibits (must be the same specie/type (i.e. slicing tomatoes, snap beans, onions, etc.)). Modifications can be made to the original county exhibit to meet State Fair class requirements or to incorporate suggested improvements made by the local judge. Determination of exhibit eligibility rests solely with the University of Illinois Extension Assistant Dean and Director, 4-H and designated persons.

The State Fair General Project Exhibit will be held in the Orr Building of the state fairgrounds. Members must drop off their projects any time from 8 to 9:30 a.m. All projects should be in place by 9:30. Judging is scheduled throughout the day. The judging schedule will be posted in each area. Members should check the judging schedule and return to the judging area about 10 minutes before their scheduled judging time. Projects must remain on display throughout the day until 3:30 p.m. All projects must be removed no later than 4:30 daily. If you cannot remain until 3:30, you may make arrangements with another person from your county to pick up your project on your behalf, as long as you provide them your claim ticket.

For more information on 2020 ILLINOIS STATE FAIR 4-H GENERAL PROJECTS can be found at –  
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-fair>

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### **General Project Champion Awards**

Champion awards are given to the project that is the best executed in the 12 Project Categories below, identified by the classes listed. Champion awards will be based on the number of show entries; must be at least 10 entries in category to award a minimum of one Champion in each of the following categories:

1. **Animal Science & Veterinary Science**  
Beef, Cat, Dog, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine, Small Pets, Veterinary Science
2. **Career and Leadership**  
Leadership, College & Career Readiness, Consumer Education, Communication, Creative Writing, Journalism
3. **Civic Engagement**  
Civic Engagement, Community Service, Family History, Exploratory, Intercultural
4. **Creative Arts – 1**  
Chalk/Carbon/Pigment, Clay, Fiber, Glass/Plastic, Heritage Arts, Leather, Metal, Nature, Paper, Media, Wood,
5. **Creative Arts – 2**  
Scrapbooking, Food Decorating, Interior Design, Three-Dimensional Mixed
6. **Creative Arts - 3**  
Photography, Computer Generated Art, Video/Filmmaking, Theatre Arts,
7. **Environmental Sciences**  
Crops, Entomology, Forestry, Horticulture, Floriculture, Geology, Exploring your Environment, Natural Resources, Outdoor Adventures, Sportsfishing, Wildlife, Plants & Soils, Weather, Shooting Sports, Hunting & Outdoor Skills
8. **Food and Nutrition**  
Cooking, Food Science, Food Preservation
9. **STEM**  
Aerospace, Bicycle, Computer Science, Electricity, Robotics, Small Engines, Technologies, Tractor, Welding, Woodworking
10. **Home and Family – Clothing and Textiles**  
STEAM Clothing, Shopping in Style, Fashion Revue
11. **Home and Family**  
Child Development, Health, Sports Nutrition
12. **Cloverbud Inspiration**  
All Cloverbud Projects are eligible.

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If you have any questions, please call the extension office at 526-4551.

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