

GENERAL PROJECT RULES

The rules apply to the Edgar County 4-H Fair. Be sure to check the Illinois State Fair website (www2.illinois.gov/statefair) for rules pertaining to the State Fair. These are general rules. For specific rules for each project, check the exhibit rules for that project area.

1. The 4-H member exhibiting a project must be at least 8 years old and not have reached their 19th birthday as of September 1 in the current 4-H year.
2. All entries must be products of the current 4-H year. (September 1, previous year – August 31, current year)
3. Members are responsible for following all rules for exhibiting in a project area. Members not following the project exhibition guidelines are subject to rating level adjustments (i.e. from an “A” rating to a “B” rating) and cannot be considered for state fair exhibition.
4. One entry may be made in each class or subclass (unless otherwise noted).
5. There is no maximum size for exhibits, though larger exhibits require notifying the Extension Office before the fair, in order to provide ample display area. Please choose a display size that is most appropriate for the exhibit you are bringing. Larger does not always mean better. Use good judgment in creating your exhibit. Keep in mind that you are responsible for transporting your exhibit from home to the Exhibit Building and back home again.
6. Use of page protectors for binder displays is recommended.
7. Exhibitors will participate in conference judging, which involves interacting and responding to questions as exhibits are judged. PLEASE NOTE: In the event a 4-H member is *not* able to participate in conference judging, the member *must complete* the Edgar County 4-H Fair Exhibit Form. This form can be printed from the county website (under Programs We Offer; 4-H Youth Development; 4-H in Edgar County; Fairs and Shows tab) or you may obtain one from the Extension Office. The member must answer each question completely. The absent member must secure another 4-H member to exhibit his or her project. The form must accompany the project exhibit. Member (either absent member or the member exhibiting the project) is responsible for taking the project home.
8. University of Illinois Extension, Edgar County 4-H Association, volunteers and staff are not responsible for theft, loss, or damage to any project while on exhibit.
9. For 2021 only: All projects will be shown in a show and go format. Projects will be released after the completion of each judging event. Foods items will remain at the fairgrounds until they are sold at the Foods Auction.
10. Extension staff reserves the right to adjust fair awards based upon current year's project enrollment and fair registrations.
11. If a monetary award amount meets the IRS reporting requirements, program participants (including minors) will be required to provide their social security number or foreign national tax ID number prior to receiving the prize, gift or award to ensure proper IRS reporting as required by law. This sensitive information is kept confidential and handled through security-protected

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software (PEAR). Participants will not be eligible for prizes, gifts or awards if social security number or foreign national tax ID number is not provided.

