Kansas State Fair Guidelines
September 6-15, 2024

Eligibility

If you received a purple ribbon on your project at the county level, are 9 years old or older (before January 1, 2024), and if your class is offered at the state level, then you have met the requirement for being a state fair exhibitor!

Salina Area Clubs: The 4-H exhibits that must be submitted by the family and received in the Saline Extension Office no later than 12:00 Noon on Monday, August 12 are:

- **Demonstrations / Illustrated Talks / Project Talks / Drama: Reading - Poetry Interp or Prose Interp:**
  ◦ 4-H Club Day, blue and purple ribbon talent qualify for State Fair. Please refer to email sent on April 11.
- **Rabbits / Poultry / Dogs:**
  ◦ Pick up a form from the project superintendent, on stage at the fair or at the Salina Extension Office.
- **Fashion Revue:**
  ◦ Forms and other information will be given to members who qualify on the night of the Public Fashion Revue.

Transportation of Exhibits

Small, static exhibits will be taken to the Kansas State Fair for you. We will not be transporting any live animals. If you have large and/or heavy exhibits, i.e., ag mechanics welding, woodworking, furniture, or large visual arts exhibits, you will need to transport those yourself. If you do take an exhibit yourself, you will also need to pick it up on the last Sunday of the fair at the designated time.

Liability

Exhibits at the Kansas State Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor. The Kansas State Fair or 4-H Youth Development accept exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. 4-H or FFA members who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of the fair.

All 4-H Members- As you prepare to bring items to the Salina or Minneapolis office, please note the following:

- You will come to the Salina office for CKD-Salina members and Minneapolis office for CKD-Minneapolis members. We will have your entry cards and labels, if needed, for your exhibit. Be sure to bring the necessary packing stuff with you.
- Please package your exhibits for travel, as the Extension Offices cannot be responsible for damage.
- Please check-in with front desk after you have finished preparing and before you finish packing the item(s) for the state fair.
- *Note: Rabbit and Dog entry cards will be available at the state fair.*

Please note that entry cards will be available at the Minneapolis or Salina offices. Salina area State Fair exhibits can be brought into the Salina office August 29; September 3 or 4. You will need to plan on extra time when you come to the office because you will need to attach the necessary items to the exhibit (i.e., entry card, score sheet, food label, etc.). **You are responsible for attaching the items.** Office staff will check-in the items after the entry is prepared. Entry cards and other necessary items for the exhibits **will not** be allowed to leave the Extension Office unless you are taking your own exhibits down to the state fair.

NOTE: If you take your own exhibits down to the State Fair, you will need to pick them up after 6 p.m. on the last Sunday of the fair (September 15). You will also need to come into the Extension office to pick up your entry card(s).

Please read the Kansas State Fair Guidelines posted on the Central Kansas District website under 4-H Youth Development, County Fairs on how to prepare your exhibits and bring them to the Extension office ready to go to Hutchinson.

For more detailed exhibit and packing information, please refer to the Kansas State Fairbook on the Central Kansas District Website under 4-H Youth and Development, County Fairs.

**Salina Area 4-H Members
- Foods and Horticulture projects can be brought on Wednesday, September 4, along with the other projects before 4:00 p.m.
- If a member has projects other than Foods & Horticulture, please bring those on August 29, or September 3 or 4 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**Minneapolis Area 4-H Members
- Food and Horticulture projects must be at the Minneapolis office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4.

All exhibits will return from the fair on Monday, September 16. Salina area exhibits may be picked up beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 17.   Minneapolis area exhibits may be picked up beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 18. For more information, please contact your respective local Extension Office.

2024 State Fair Exhibits
Please Read Carefully

1) All Entries must be packed for hauling to the State Fair!
   Do not close box until it is checked-in after entry card is attached!

2) Entry Cards are a 2-part perforated card.
   Do Not Separate the 2 Entry Cards!
   - If needed, punch a hole in the upper left hand corner of the first entry card to attach to the exhibit – **do not fold the 2 cards together and hole punch.**

3) Members qualify for State Fair if their age before January 1 of the current year is 9 years of older. List the number of years in the project. The exhibitor is encouraged to attach a 3" x 5" index card with the entry card to give the judge any information which the exhibitor thinks would be helpful for the judge to know.

4) The entry card will be attached to the exhibit at the Extension Office. Always use masking tape and **place entry card first** (with recipe card, evaluation card, etc. behind the entry card). Mark "years in project" on both entry cards and photo label where needed.

5) For more details on individual project rules please refer to the Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbook – Located on the County Fairs Page on the Central Kansas District 4-H website.

Clothing: Maximum 2 exhibits; one article per class.
1) Identification Labels (no straight pins may be used to attach these items). Type or print on 3" x 2½" piece of cloth: Class Number, County or District, Name.
2) Sew or safety pin labels on inside of garment (back of neck, center back of waistband, or left end of apron band). Label each piece.
3) Place entry card and score card on front left shoulder seam of garment or to the left side of waistband with hanger opening facing to the left, as if you were wearing the garment, so that the hanger opening faces the attached entry form.

Energy Management: Maximum 3 exhibits; one article per class.
1) Tie entry card and scorecard (including additional information from exhibitor) to the exhibit with string, or fasten the string to the form with masking tape and attach to the exhibit where it can be easily seen.
2) Any project with a complexity of size or electronics must have (a) instructions for assembly and use and (b) equipment available at the time of judging for actual testing of the exhibit.

Entomology:
1) Each exhibitor is required to identify each box with two identification labels bearing Exhibitor's name, district, the collection class 4-H member is enrolled in, and statement of taxonomy used. One label goes in the upper left corner of the specimens in the box so the box can be displayed lengthwise.
2) Tape entry card to the outside of the top end of one box.

Fiber Arts: Maximum 3 exhibits; one article per class.
1) In addition to the entry card, type or print on 3" x 2 ½ "piece of cloth: class number, county or district, and exhibitor's name; Many Extension Offices have these types of labels available.
2) Sew or safety pin this ID label on the corner of flat articles.
3) For garments, attach ID label to the front left shoulder seam, of left side of waistband, as if you were wearing the garment.
4) The exhibitor should also attach an index card, no larger than 3" x 5", with the entry form to give the judge any information on what parts of the exhibit they made, processes used, or other information which the exhibitor thinks would be helpful to the judge.
5) For all items, please indicate if item was made from a kit.
6) For knitted and crocheted items, please indicate fiber content and specifically if they are made of at least 90% wool.

Foods and Nutrition: Maximum: 1 Non-Perishable; 1 Educational Exhibit.
1) In this order, carefully secure the entry card, recipe, and evaluation form to the outside of the wrapped exhibit. Do not wrap forms in plastic. Attach a 3" x 5" index card with the entry card to give the judge any information which the exhibitor thinks would be helpful for the judge to know.
2) Attach gummed label to bottom of plate or cardboard. Label should contain: Class Number and Name, Product, 4 H member's Name, and County or District.
3) Complete recipes with ingredients and instructions must be attached with the entry or the placing will be lowered one ribbon when judged.
4) Any entries with frostings and fillings must calculate the amount of sugar in the frosting/filling recipe only. Calculation must be attached to entry, or the placing will be lowered one ribbon when judged.
5) Exhibits should be in food grade plastic bags, disposable plastic containers, or boxes of appropriate size for the exhibit.
6) All baked goods must be left whole and uncut. Ex. 3 cookies, 3 muffins, 1 loaf bread.

7) Any baked product that can be removed from the pan should be placed on a plate covered cardboard or disposable container or appropriate size for the exhibit.

Foods Preservation: Maximum 2 Exhibits; 1 entry per class.
1) Punch a hole in the entry card and use a rubber band to attach the entry card and recipe around the top of jars.
2) Each jar exhibited must be labeled with a uniform label placed 1" from the base of jar. You may need to make a label using an adhesive mailing label. The label must not cover brand name of jar. The label must give: Class No, Division, Product, Canning Method, Process Time, Pressure (psi), Month and Year Processed, Name, and County/District.
3) Each exhibit must have the complete recipe and instructions attached with the entry card or it will be lowered one ribbon placing.
4) Recipe must include exhibitor name, recipe source, date of publication, altitude, and where food was processed.
5) Recipes must be from current, tested resources AND MUST BE ADJUSTED FOR ALTITUDE based on your processing location, or it will be disqualified. Processing methods that will be disqualified include: open kettle canning, over oven canning, sun canning, and using electric multi-cookers.
6) If using Mrs. Wage's or Ball mixes, indicate the date the mix was purchased.

Foods and Nutrition Educational Exhibit:
1) Entry card should be taped to the exhibit.
2) The educational exhibit evaluation form is no longer required from the exhibitor.

Geology & Lapidary:
1) Each exhibitor is required to identify each display box by placing an identification label bearing name, district, and number of specimens in the upper left hand corner of the Plexiglas cover and by attaching a label with the same information on the lower right corner of the box (outside).
2) Geology specimens should be labeled with the number of the specimen, date collected, specimen name or description, and locality (county only) where collected.
3) Exhibitors may have a consultation review of their work 3:00-6:00 p.m. on the first Friday of the fair in the geology exhibit area.

Home Environment: Only 1 entry in this division.
1) The entry card must be attached to the exhibit; safety pin(s), tape, or string is suggested.
2) The Home Environment Exhibit Summary sheet is no longer required from the exhibitor.

Horticulture: May enter up to a total of 4 product items
Exhibits on paper plates- attach string to the entry card and tape or staple string to plate.
Collection- tape securely to container with masking tape.
Potatoes- fasten around one potato with rubber band.
Other large single horticulture exhibits- if possible, tie with string or tape to exhibit.
1) Each exhibitor should complete the required information on the Crops/Horticulture Comment Card and attach it to the exhibit by punching a hole in the upper left corner of the card and attaching it to the same string as the entry card.
2) Use a sturdy disposable plate, bowl or container that will support the weight of the produce.

Photography: Exhibitors 1-7 years in project= 1 entry; Exhibitors 8+ years = 2 entries, as long as they are in different classes, i.e., 1 black and white photo and 1 color photo.

1) Photography entry labels will be printed and sent to Extension Offices.
2) The State Fair 4-H Photography ID Form must be used and mounted correctly on the bottom front of the matte board and the Entry Label affixed to the Photography ID form.
3) On the back of the mount, attach a label (provided at the office) with Central Kansas District, _____ County, Name (first and last) and Class number.
4) An Exhibit Release form needs to be COMPLETED and attached to the exhibit when it is brought to the Extension Office.

Visual Arts: Each county is limited to one exhibit per class. Those receiving a "State Fair Judge's Pick" card will be allowed to exhibit. A member may display only one visual arts item.

1) Entry card and Exhibit Release forms need to be COMPLETED and attached to the exhibit when it is brought to the Extension Office.
2) All exhibits which need to be hung must have a wire or saw tooth hanger attached.

Woodworking: Only 1 entry in this division.

1) The entry card, plans and all other paperwork should be secured to the project in some manner. Tape is usually not adequate to accomplish this. It is recommended to use a zip top plastic bag with a hole punched through it and using string to tie this to the exhibit.
2) Exhibits with missing or insufficient plans will be lowered one ribbon placing.

Building Block Engineering: Each county is limited to four exhibits. Those receiving a "State Fair Judge's Pick" will be allowed to exhibit. A member may display only 1 Building Block Engineering item.

1) The entry card and Exhibit Information Packet should be secured to the project in some manner.
2) Entry of either a packet without an accompanying exhibit or an exhibit without a packet is not a sufficient exhibit.