

4-H/FFA YOUTH SECTION

1. 4-H/FFA youth must be enrolled in their respective organizations by the organization's deadline in order to exhibit.
2. Ages for Lincoln County 4-H and FFA youth competition are as follows: Junior is 8-10 years of age, Intermediate is 11-13 years of age, and Senior is 14-18 years as of December 31 of the current 4-H year. In classes that are only broken into Junior and Senior, Junior will include 8 thru 13.
3. Exhibits cannot be entered in both the 4-H/FFA Division and the Open Class Division.
4. Members must have adult supervision to sleep on the fairgrounds.
5. Each 4-H/FFA member may display and receive award money in more than one unit of a project, but only 1 entry per unit, with the exception of livestock classes. In livestock classes two animals (by one exhibitor) may be shown and receive award monies per class. If a member enrolls in two units of the same project (Leathercraft for example: member enrolls in Unit 2 & Unit 3 – they must exhibit in the higher level – Unit 3). When a member takes two units at the same time, they should master the skills of the lower unit and therefore exhibit in the higher unit.
6. In the case of projects that are to be taken sequentially, if a member enrolls in two units of the same project in the same year and shows mastery in a lower-level unit, they are expected to exhibit in the higher-level unit. Exceptions to this rule will be stated in applicable project's rules.
7. If there are no high-quality exhibits the judge has the discretionary responsibility to place the top exhibit in the appropriate position. Projects requiring an interview will be placed no higher than 2nd in their class if there is no interview.
8. Display boards must meet the specifications & should fold flat for transport. The standardized display board size of 4ft. x 3ft. is to be used for 4-H projects. No sharp items including but not limited to blades, thumb tacks, fishing hooks, knives, etc. are allowed on display boards or as part of any other exhibit.
9. Exhibits of unusual size or shape may not be on public display. Exhibitor cards and ribbons will be displayed in project areas. Projects may not be displayed if there is a safety, health, or space issue.
10. Unless otherwise stated in the project requirements, projects will be evaluated on the quality of the information completed in the e-Record (25 percent) & the quality of the exhibit (75 percent).
11. All cards must remain intact and on or above the exhibit until general exhibits are released. Release of all static entries will be granted Saturday, the final day of the fair, at 3 p.m. and not before, unless authorized by the Superintendent. Failure to comply with this regulation means immediate forfeiture of awards.
12. All Champion award winners will receive their awards at the time of judging, or during the Achievement Program in October.
13. If a 4-Her places first in his/her unit in a state project he/she is eligible to go to State Fair. Prepare the exhibit to protect it when it is transported to and from State Fair. Please let the appropriate Superintendent know if you wish to send your eligible project to State Fair.
14. **Lincoln County, Fair and Extension office are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items.**
15. **Members may be required to transport projects to the State Fair for exhibition.**
16. To participate in a state contest or project area, you must first qualify through the county.
READ YOUR UNIT REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY, TO BE SURE YOU COMPLY WITH ALL REGULATIONS. All 4-H exhibitors should follow State Fair Exhibit Guidelines for their project area as outlined in the Lincoln County Fair book. Exhibits that do not meet exhibit standards and requirements will not be considered for champion or reserve champion.
17. The American System will be used to rank the 4-H exhibits. This system uses product standards and fulfillment of exhibit requirements to rank exhibits. It also uses the idea of competition among exhibitors to establish ranking.
18. Any conflicts or disputes will be handled by the appropriate project area superintendent and Lincoln County Fair management.

PROTESTS

Any protests are to be in writing, and signed, accompanied by a \$25.00 check and deposited at the 4-H Office at the fairgrounds. These will be reviewed by the fair board at the next fair board meeting. If the complaint proves legitimate, the money will be refunded, otherwise it is forfeited.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS

Checks for premiums will be issued at the Superintendent's discretion. For livestock exhibits, this will be after meeting requirements of feeding and stall cleaning.

Premium checks will be mailed to recipients which can then be deposited in the bank. All premiums will be paid according to the following slide scale. All 4-H/FFA members not receiving premium money will be paid \$1.00 for exhibiting.

PLACINGS

No. in class	1	2	3	4
1	\$2			
2	\$3	\$2		
3	\$4	\$2		
4	\$5	\$3	\$2	
5 or more	\$7	\$5	\$3	\$2