

Kansas State Fair – 4-H Exhibit Eligibility



4-H membership:

- Youth must be enrolled members of Meadowlark District 4-H program.
- Members must be 9 years of age by January 1 of the current year and must not have passed their 19th birthday before January 1 of the current year.
- All contestants must have qualified through county, district or other competitive events (Fair, 4-H Club Day, etc...) and/or be approved by the Meadowlark Extension District.



Static (Non-Animal) Exhibits:

- Four-digit fair class numbers are eligible for the Kansas State Fair.
- Only Purple award exhibits selected in a previously designated competition (Fair, Fashion Revue, 4-H Club Day, etc...) may be entered in State Fair.
- Unless otherwise noted in division rules, only one entry per class and/or division.
- Exhibits (that fit in a van) will be transported to and from State Fair by Extension staff.

Presentations:

- Purple ribbon public presentations given at 4-H Club Day are eligible.
- Individual or team of two, in Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks, Project Talks or Poetry/Prose, are eligible to present at the Kansas State Fair.



Entry Process:

- Qualifying Static exhibits, Presentations, Fashion Revue, Dog, Dairy, Poultry and Rabbit entries must be submitted on entry forms provided by the Extension Office by published deadline, typically around August 10.
- Horse entries that qualified at a District Horse show, must be entered by the exhibitor through the online system on or before August 1.
- Properly nominated livestock must be entered directly by the exhibitor through the Kansas State Fair website by July 15.



Animal Exhibits:

- Beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, dog, horse, poultry, sheep, swine, meat goat and rabbit entries must be at least of blue-ribbon quality.
- Dairy, Poultry and Rabbits qualify through County Fair judging.
- Any animal that participates in a Premium Auction at county fair is INELIGIBLE to be shown at any other show – including the Kansas State Fair.

GRAND DRIVE LIVESTOCK (Beef, Meat Goat, Sheep, Swine)

- Livestock must be nominated through the Youth Livestock Program process (market animals and commercial females) and/or have registration papers in the name of exhibitor(s) by published deadline (typically June 15). <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>
- Nomination deadline is May 1 for Market Beef and June 15 for all other types.
- A Nomination does NOT constitute an entry!

The other animal requirements follow:



DOG

- Dogs teams (youth and dog) must earn at least one qualifying score of a blue or purple ribbon, in the same year as State Fair, in each discipline they wish to enter, at a local or county invitational 4-H Dog show, from a state-certified judge. There are no on-lead obedience, rally or agility classes at State Fair.



HORSE

- An exhibitor/horse team must have earned a blue or purple at a District Horse Show in a particular class in order to qualify to show in that same class at the State Fair. NO substitutions.
- Horses must have a Kansas 4-H Horse ID on file (with photos) at the Extension Office by May 1.