



## Requirements for Showing An Animal as a Sumter County 4-H Member



The following requirements pertain to any youth who wishes to show ANY animal as Sumter County 4-H Member.

1. Have a current and complete enrollment form and participation form on file on 4HOnline at least 30 days before a 4-H competitive event unless event rules specify otherwise.
2. 4-H member must attend 75% of their local club meetings. (Example: If your club meets 9 times a year you must attend 7 meetings, this means that you can only miss two meetings). 4-H Clubs are required to report monthly attendance to the 4-H office.
3. The 4-H Agent will only sign books that are at least 95% complete.
  - a. Youth Livestock Market Record Books (Steers, Swine, Lambs) are due the day of your exhibitor meeting.
  - b. Record Books for Breeding Animals, Poultry, Rabbits, and Goats are due June 12<sup>th</sup>. Must be fully completed and signed by the 4-H Agent.
  - c. Horse Record Books are due into the 4-H Extension office June 10<sup>th</sup>. Must be fully completed and signed by the 4-H Agent. **Record books will be checked at the Area C horse show before check-in.**
4. 4-H'ers must participate in a minimum of TWO of the following activities prior to exhibition of their animal:
  - a. **Show another animal** and turn in the accompanying Record Book.
  - b. Enter an exhibit in the **Family Living Youth Division** during the fair (See requirements on the 4-H website).
  - c. Participate in a competitive event at **County Events Day**: Share-the-Fun, Public Speaking, Demonstration and/or Illustrated Talk, or Table Setting (cloverbuds only).
  - d. Take part in one **County Fundraiser** (Fall- Apples/Pecans, Spring- Cookies).
  - e. Be on, or try out for a **Judging Team** AND attend 80% of scheduled practices. (Horse, Dairy, Poultry, Livestock, Meats, Land Judging, Forest Ecology, Hippology and Horse Quiz Bowl)
  - f. Participate in and complete the **4-H and FFA Peach Tree Project**. Peach trees, record books and activities must be entered into the Family Living Exhibit.
5. All Youth Livestock Market record books and Horse record books will be returned after the fair awards banquet or Area C Horse show for youth to fully complete. **These fully completed books are then due June 12th.**
6. All books must be COMPLETE (**with attached Checklist, 4-H Project Report and 4-H Accomplishments**) and turned into the 4-H office on or before **June 12th** in order to exhibit any livestock the following year. Books will be judged and awards will be presented at the annual 4-H Awards Banquet.

**I have read the above rules and agree to follow the rules and guidelines set forth by 4-H as requirements for showing an animal as a Sumter County 4-H Member. I understand if I do not abide by these rules and guidelines, I will not be permitted to exhibit my project animal as a Sumter County 4-H Member.**

- ☼ All Horse project report papers are due in Extension Office by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year.
- ☼ All Dairy or Horse Lease papers are due in Extension Office by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year.
- ☼ To participate in other fairs or shows as a 4-H youth you must have your entry form signed in advance by the 4-H agent to verify enrollment. These youth are also required to complete the above requirements.

**I will be showing the following animals as a Sumter County 4-H member (check  all that apply), I understand that a current 4-H project book or record book will be required for each 4-H animal shown.**

- STEER     SWINE     DAIRY     BEEF     HORSE     SHEEP  
 GOATS     RABBITS     POULTRY     DOG     LAMB     OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date