



Youth may enroll in a project at any time during the year, however the minimum requirements for successfully completing a Home Arts or Animal Science project, which qualifies the youth to participate in the County Fair are:

### Returning Members

1. All returning youth members, must complete enrollment in 4-H by **October 15<sup>th</sup>** of the current program year.
2. Youth members **must attend 80%** of all monthly **community club** meetings held from September 1st to the Monday of Fair in the current program year.
3. Youth members **must attend 80%** of all **project** meetings held from September 1st to the Monday of Fair in the current program year.

### New Members

1. All new youth members, must complete enrollment in 4-H by **December 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current program year.
2. Youth members **must attend 80%** of all monthly **community club** meetings held from the time they enroll in 4-H to the Monday of Fair in the current program year.
3. Youth members **must attend 80%** of all **project** meetings of the project held from the time they enroll to the Monday of Fair in the current program year.

*Note: If a youth member fails to satisfy this attendance requirement by the Monday of fair week, their fair eligibility will be revoked, they will not be allowed to participate in the fair as a 4-H member, and they will not be allowed to bring that exhibit to the fair.*

### All Members

4. Youth members must have a **written 4-H record, Annual Project Report** for each project, to provide proof of supervision, the length of project, attendance at meetings, and work completed in the project. **4-H Annual Project Reports must be submitted** to the respective project leader and community club leader. Leaders will review the record and sign to signify satisfactory completion of the project.
5. Youth members represent the 4-H program while at fair and are expected to abide by the **California 4-H YDP Youth Code of Conduct**. Infractions of the 4-H Code of Conduct must be reported promptly by anyone observing them to the adult volunteer or staff in charge, who will bear final responsibility for disciplinary action.
6. Youth members must abide by the rules governing participation at the Amador County Fair and/or other qualifying fairs are as stated in the respective premium books, the current year *State Rules for California Fairs*, and *CDFAs Agreement Between 4-H Youth Development Program, Future Farmers of America, Grange and Independent Exhibitors*.
7. Paper fair entry forms with **required club and/or project leader signatures** and online entries must be submitted by the youth member to the fair office by the deadline stated in the fair premium book.





### Animal Science & Home Arts Project Policies

1. 4-H project animals are to be under the immediate control of the 4-H owner. If the animal is kept at a place other than the 4-H owner's home or property, a letter with full explanation of facts will be written to the Amador County 4-H Ext. Office within 10 days.
2. Any abuse of an animal, unethical treatment or violations of these regulations by an exhibitor shall be referred to the County Director for disciplinary action and possible expulsion from the project.
3. State 4-H policy outlines age requirements for membership in the large livestock projects. Primary members (under the age of 9 as of January 1) will not be allowed to enroll in any project that requires large animal ownership, handling or exhibition. Primary members may not enroll in large animal projects such as: beef, dairy goat, market goat, horse, sheep, or swine projects. Primary members may enroll in the following small animal projects: rabbits, cavies, poultry, Pygmy, and Nigerian Dwarf goats.
4. Livestock ownership requirements for large/small animals will be as stated in the Amador County Fair Premium Book. In case of an emergency or excused absence at the time of fair contact the fair for current policy on allowing another member to show your animal for conformation. All Horse Lease Agreements must be turned into the Amador County 4-H Ext. Office within 120 days before fair.
5. At the beginning of the year youths must choose in which organization they will carry their ownership/entrepreneurial project (i.e., project animal). 4-H, FFA and Grange members may transfer projects between organizations once in a calendar year. Transfers must take place not less than sixty (60) days (or the number of days required for the ownership and supervision of respective species - whichever is greater) prior to the exhibit or award recognition of the project. Transfers between organizations should be documented using the Livestock Project Transfer Form. Youth who transfer their animal project from 4-H to another organization may continue to stay involved in a 4-H leadership capacity within the same project.
6. All Home Arts work must be created and/or owned by the 4-H exhibitor enrolled in a home arts project.

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