

SHOWCASING YOUR 4-H SHOWCASE

Using Showcase in the 4-H Project Interview



The first question asked by judges in the 4-H project interview is “Tell me about your 4-H project work in _____ project.” The 4-H member is given 3 to 4 minutes to answer this question.

To help 4-H members and judges, the *Project Showcase* was added to the 4-H portfolio in 2019. The purpose of the showcase is to highlight a “big” project that the 4-H’ers has worked on in their project area. In some instances, a 4-H’er may highlight more than one “big” project. The *Project Showcase* information, limited to 10 pages, is contained under “showcase” on the web-based portfolio and may contain photos, Power Point® slides, videos, etc...

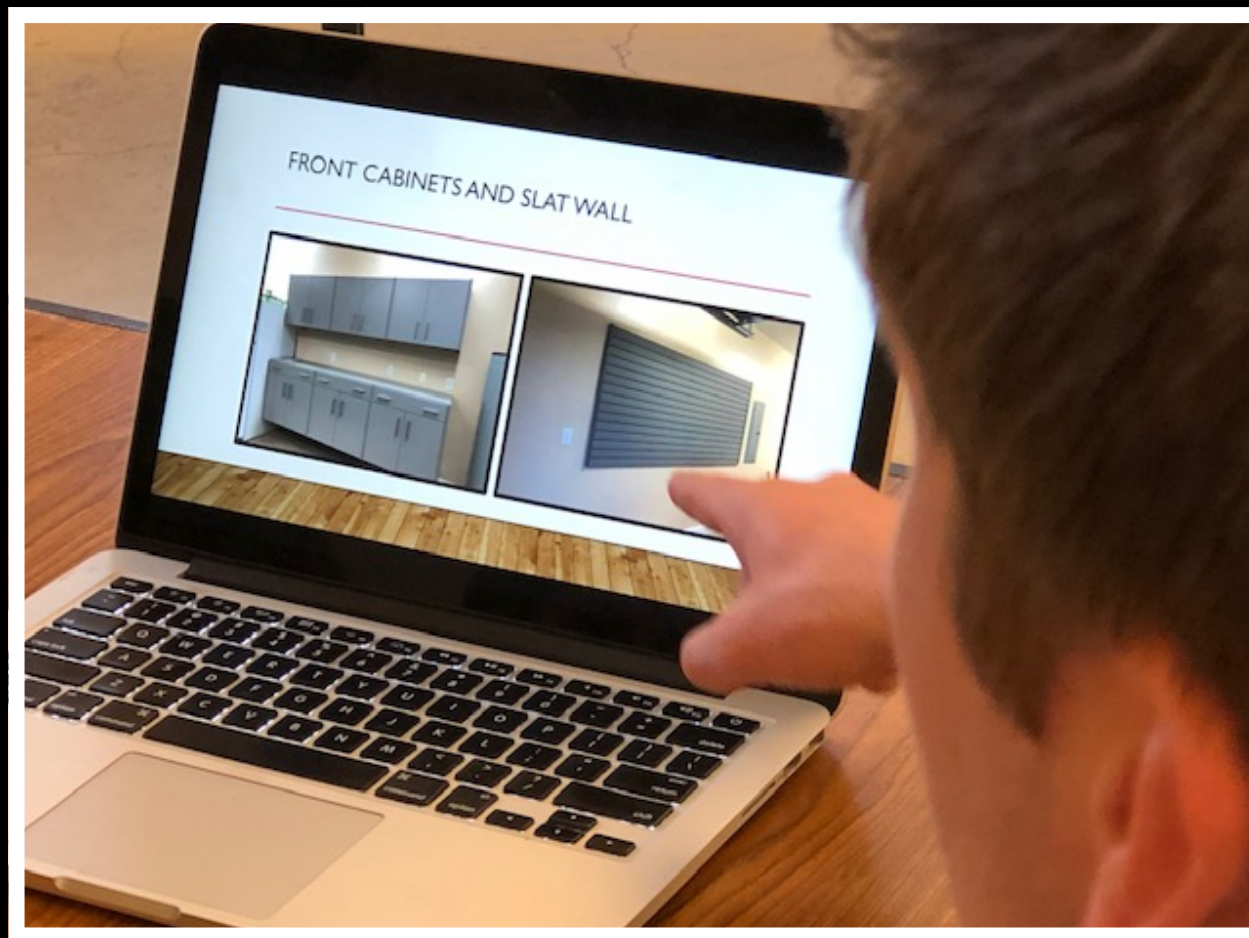
The next slide shows 4-H member, Chris Clover, interviewing in his 4-H project. Chris is in the 4-H Home Environment project. His focus in this project is on architecture and design. Chris' family owns a construction business. His uncle specializes in custom cabinetry and the installation of epoxy coating on floors in sunrooms, garages, basements, etc...

Chris has been working as an apprentice for the last few years with his uncle. This past year, Chris' uncle gave him the opportunity to take the lead on a garage project for a client who wanted both an epoxy floor and cabinets. He used this experience as his showcase in his 4-H portfolio.

Chris has 3 to 4 minutes to explain the “big project” that he worked on in his 4-H Home Environment project. He will use this time to not only explain the subject-matter knowledge and skills he gained, but also how he will use these skills in the future.



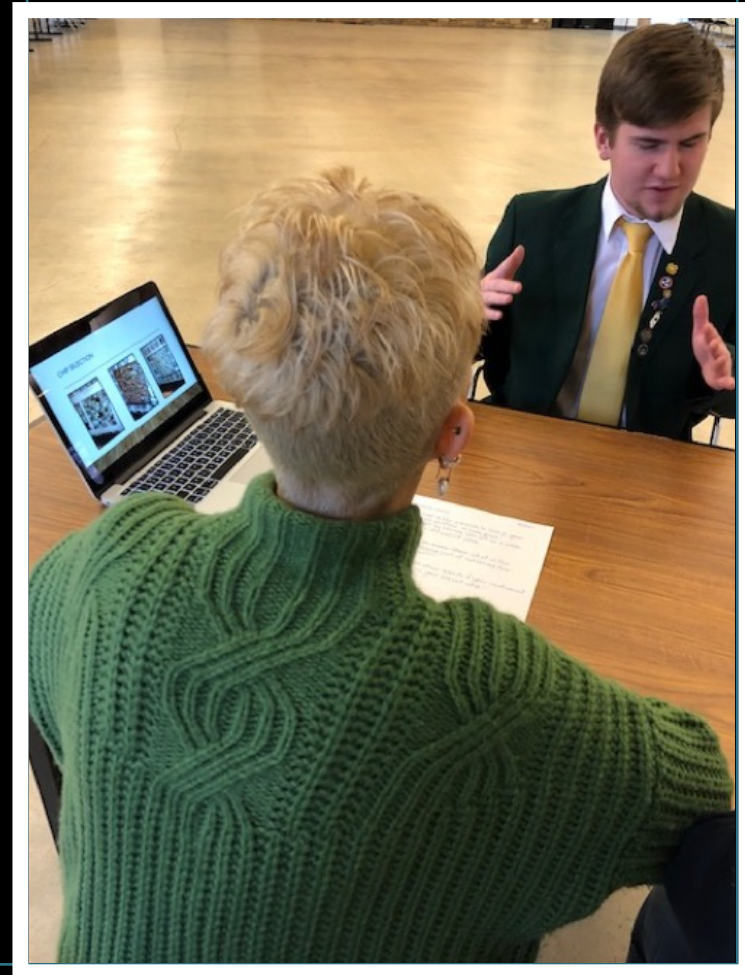
Notice how Chris explains his experiences in taking the lead on the garage floor and cabinetry project for his uncle. Chris used Power Point® and uploaded photos to show a step-by-step process. That is one way ... but not the only way to do this. He is showing the cabinets, in the photo, that he recommended to the client.



The *Project Showcase* works like the old Level I interactive displays. It should only enhance what you are talking about. Even if you use video, you should still explain your showcase using your own words.

Note how Chris refers to his showcase, but tells the story/explains in person.

The showcase does not speak for him, but rather, gives judges a visual of a 4-H'ers project work.



The *Project Showcase*, most likely, will open the door for judges to ask specific subject matter questions about their project work.

Highlighting the *Project Showcase* should be the only time throughout the interview that the computer is used.

Judges expect the 4-H member to begin with his/her showcase. Once that is complete, the typical interview/question-and-answer session begins.

4-H'ers do NOT need to bring a computer, tablet, iPad, etc... with them. The judges will have a computer and access to their web-based 4-H portfolio.

Judges do NOT give 4-H'ers a score for their *Project Showcase*. The *Project Showcase* was judged with the portfolio.

The *Project Showcase* is only used to enhance the interview experience for both the 4-H'er and the judge by adding a visual presentation element.

Remember, 4-H'ers will only have 3 to 4 minutes to share their Showcase. Judges will have other questions to ask. These questions may include other things about a 4-H'ers main project work, 4-H involvement or specific subject-matter questions. The project interview score card will give you some idea of what types of questions may be asked.

The interview will last approximately 12 to 15 minutes.

If you have any other questions about the 4-H project interview process, please contact Lori Gallimore.

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