



Tennessee 4-H

Awards and Recognition

HANDBOOK

Section **1** : *General Rules*

TENNESSEE 4-H AWARDS AND RECOGNITION HANDBOOK

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Eligibility Rules for 4-H Awards

Membership

The school grade in which the member is enrolled on January 1 of the current calendar year shall determine the division in which the member is eligible to compete with the exception of judging team competition. For determining eligibility for competition:

1. A junior member should be enrolled in the 4th or 5th grade on January 1 of the current calendar year.
2. A junior high 4-H member should be enrolled in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade on January 1 of the current calendar year.
3. A senior 4-H member should be enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade on January 1 of the current calendar year. A Level I senior member shall be enrolled in the 9th or 10th grade and a Level II senior member shall be enrolled in the 11th or 12th grade on January 1 of the current year. (See rule C-1 for age requirements of members competing for National 4-H Congress trips.)
4. Any 4-H Expanded Nutrition member (EFNEP) who meets the above qualifications is eligible to compete in all 4-H awards program.
5. 4-H members who are students in an ungraded school or special education class shall determine the division in which they are eligible to compete by the number of years they have attended school (i.e., a member who is in the fourth year of schoolwork on January 1 shall be considered an explorer, etc.) Once that grade is determined, then a 4-H member progresses one grade per year. A 4-H'er may only compete once in any grade-related contest for a specific grade (i.e., a 4-H'er competing this year in the 9th Grade Public Speaking Contest will have to move to the 10th Grade Public Speaking Contest next year.

Cross County Membership

1. Youth are expected to hold 4-H membership in only one county.
2. In situations where membership is requested in a county other than the county of residence or county of school attendance, the respective county 4-H agents shall communicate with each other to ensure that membership adheres to these guidelines.
3. Transfer of membership should not be motivated by perceived competitive or monetary advantage in another county.

4. Parents, guardians, and/or youth shall become familiar with all participation policies, procedures, and guidelines for the county in which they wish to be members. County 4-H programs may limit participation in their programs due to resources, limited capacity or volunteer involvement.
5. Any questions or concerns related to the establishment of membership that cannot be resolved on the county level will be referred to the region office. The state 4-H leader will be consulted if necessary and will make the final decision.
6. Members may participate in specific activities or educational programs, regardless of the county of origin of the program, with permission from both the county of membership and the county of the program.
7. 4-H members can only participate in competitive events with their county of membership.
8. All county agents should make every effort to provide opportunities for youth in their county. If a specific program is not currently offered, consideration should be given to the number of youth interested in the requested program, and options to start providing the program in that county. If the program cannot be made available in the county of membership, county 4-H agents should work with neighboring county 4-H agents to ensure that all youth are given access to all available 4-H projects and opportunities.

Termination of 4-H Membership

4-H membership ceases at the end of the calendar year following the member's graduation from high school or on the 20th birthday, whichever comes first.

Attendance at National 4-H Congress

1. Members competing for a trip to National 4-H Congress must be a Level II member and must have passed their 14th birthday on January 1 of current year.
2. Tennessee 4-H members can attend National 4-H Congress only one time.
3. If a project awards program offers an educational scholarship to the Level II state winner, that individual must attend National 4-H Congress to be eligible to receive the award. If the person named as the state Level II winner at Roundup does not attend, then the scholarship will be awarded to the individual representing Tennessee at National 4-H Congress in that project area.
4. A member may win the top award in a division in any state awards program only one time. Exceptions to this rule are the Art and Poster Contest and animal shows. (i.e. a 4-H member who wins Level II project competition at 4-H Congress may NOT submit in project competition at 4-H Roundup or if a 4-H'er won Level II project competition as an 11th grader may NOT compete in the 12th grade.)

Programs Members May Enter

1. The member must be actively enrolled in the 4-H project or activity in which he or she competes.
2. A member is eligible to receive only one state award that carries a trip to National 4-H Congress. No member is eligible for the first-place state award in the same program the second time. No member is eligible for the second-place state award the second time in programs providing a scholarship, trip, etc. as the second place award. A Level I member can only be awarded one Herbert College of Agriculture scholarship.
3. Once a member's record is submitted for state competition, the individual does not have the privilege of withdrawing from the competition or forfeiting an award in favor of entering another awards program.
4. A member may win the top award in a division in any state awards program only one time. Exceptions to this rule are the Art and Poster Contest and animal shows. (i.e. a 4-H member who wins Level II project competition at 4-H Congress may NOT submit in project competition at 4-H Roundup or if a 4-H'er won Level II project competition as an 11th grader may NOT compete in the 12th grade.)
5. A 4-H member who is ineligible to receive a state award during the calendar year is also ineligible to receive a county or regional award in that program.
6. The state 4-H staff and regional program leaders (for regional-qualifying contests) shall be responsible for determining the eligibility of members competing for state-level awards, including judging contests.
7. A member who has previously attended National 4-H Congress is ineligible to enter any project awards program climaxing at State 4-H Roundup or State 4-H Congress, except for the public speaking contests.

4-H Educational Scholarship Conditions

1. Scholarships are open to all Tennessee 4-H members regardless of previous awards won.
2. Recipients must be an active Tennessee 4-H member.
3. Applicants will complete an online Tennessee 4-H scholarship application. The Application can be accessed at: <https://4hscholarship.tennessee.edu/>
5. The online process requires an electronic review from the county agent before submitting the final application. Check with your county agent for the county application due date. The final online application submission due date is May 1. This is a firm deadline. The program will not accept applications after May 1.
6. Scholarship recipients will be announced in June and will be invited to attend an

awards presentation at State 4-H Roundup in July. Recipients are highly encouraged to attend this assembly since donors are invited and are usually present to meet recipients.

7. Read the requirements for each scholarship and DO NOT apply for a scholarship for which you do not meet the requirements.
8. The value of scholarships funded by an endowment will be determined annually according to the availability of funds. The amount shown on the Summary Chart may be different from what the recipient actually receives.
9. Scholarship recipients may request payment for the award January 1, following the successful completion of one quarter or semester of college or schoolwork as a full time student. Successful completion is defined as a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 grading system, unless the scholarship stipulates a higher GPA.
10. The State 4-H program leader makes all final decisions on any questions regarding scholarships.
11. Scholarship money is paid directly to the school and not the 4-H'er.
12. 4-H'ers must have completed their first semester of post-high school work AND meet the minimum GPA requirement to collect their scholarship
13. Scholarship money cannot be used for dual-enrollment fees.

Use of Prize Money*

Prize money received by teams or individuals for state trips is for the purpose of making said trip. If the team or individual turns down the award, the money is passed on to the next individual or team in line for the award. If a team or individual participant cancels, the prize money is forfeited. The Tennessee 4-H Foundation will not reimburse for cancellations without a written excuse from a doctor (submitted to the State 4-H Leader) for an illness or medical injury to the contestant or death in the immediate family.

* Please note: any monetary awards or prizes issued by the Tennessee 4-H Foundation that are not claimed (cashed or deposited) within 90 days of the issue date of the original check shall be considered forfeit.

General Records Required for 4-H Project e-Portfolio Awards

For a 4-H'er member to qualify a 4-H Project e-Portfolio for entry in senior high-level competition, the following requirements must be met:

Senior High (*state-level competition*)

1. 4-H Project e-Portfolio Website
 - a. Online e-Portfolio Entry Form, Checklist and Publicity Form
 - b. Tennessee 4-H Main Project Record Profile (F305-A) – must include the past year of records AND at least one year prior (minimum requirement). Ideally, this section should include the past year of record AND three prior years of records.
 - c. Tennessee 4-H Leadership Record Profile (F305-B) – must include the past year of records AND at least one year prior (minimum requirement). Ideally, this section should include the past year of record AND three prior years of records.
 - d. Tennessee 4-H Citizenship Record Profile (F305-C) – must include the past year of records AND at least one year prior (minimum requirement). Ideally, this section should include the past year of record AND three prior years of records.
 - e. Resume
 - f. Project Pictures – May include between 9 and 15 photos with descriptors. No collages or video clips.
 - g. Showcase
 - h. Other Project Records (including up to, but not exceeding 10 supplemental material pages that supports project work and which may include 4-H Project Record Worksheet (F-540)

Detailed information – including the guidelines, forms, training resources, etc... – for e-portfolio entries can be found on the 4-H website: <https://4h.tennessee.edu/portfolios/>. Note, junior high e-portfolios are not evaluated on the state level. Please contact your 4-H Regional Program Leader for specifics regarding this competition in your region.

Basis for Determining Awards

All senior Level I and Level II project achievement awards will be based on the member's achievement record counting 50% and a project interview with a showcase counting 50%.

Judging 4-H Records

Senior High Regional Review

All senior portfolios are sent from the county to the state 4-H office. Senior project achievement portfolios are not judged on the regional level. However, they are initially reviewed by the 4-H Regional Program Leaders to ensure that all links and working and required content has been included. Those e-portfolios that have missing links or are missing required content will be sent back to the agent with a short turn-around time for correction. The amount of time given to make corrections is determined by the Regional Program Leader. If corrections are not made, the e-portfolio will not be evaluated.

State Judging

1. The state 4-H staff will arrange for judging to determine the state winners.
2. A 4-H e-portfolio will be considered in only one project area by the state judging committee at any one state judging – citizenship and leadership e-portfolios are currently the exception to this rule. 4-H'ers are encouraged to have another project area ready as a back-up if their first e-portfolio is not selected as a state finalist.
3. Breaking ties – When a tie occurs in any state awards program involving records, the following priorities shall be followed:
 - a. Highest e-portfolio score will be given preference.
 - b. If total e-portfolio scores are identical, preference will be given to the member with the highest combined score on Tennessee 4-H Main Project Record Profile (F305-A) – 1. Project Goals and 2. Size and Scope of the portfolio scorecard.
 - c. If e-portfolio scores and main project record scores are identical, preference will be given to the member with the highest score on Tennessee 4-H Leadership Record Profile (F305-B) -- 2. Leadership with 4-H groups of the e-portfolio scorecard.

Section *2*: *Recognition*
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STATE 4-H RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

4-H HONOR CLUB ORGANIZATION

Purpose

The 4-H Honor Club is statewide and was instituted to further 4-H Club work throughout the counties of Tennessee. Its chief purposes are to provide recognition primarily within the county to junior high 4-H Club members who have shown consistent leadership ability and have been helpful members in their clubs and their communities and to encourage young people to continue their work in 4-H and their service to others.

Requirements

- a. Members must be a junior high or senior 4-H member as of date of initiation.
- b. Adult volunteer leaders or advisors to the Honor Club are eligible for recognition upon approval by local Extension agents. Extension agents may submit the name of a volunteer leader to the state 4-H office annually.

Membership

- a. Membership is open to any qualified junior high or senior member.
- b. Member must complete a Tennessee 4-H Honor Club application form. This form is located on the 4-H website: <https://4h.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/47/2022/11/Honor-Club-Application-2022.pdf>.
- c. A score of 200 points is required before application for membership can be considered.
- d. Recommendations for membership shall be approved by the county Extension agents, then forwarded to the state 4-H office for final approval prior to the recognition ceremony at which time the Honor Club certificates are presented.
- e. Certificates will be mailed from the state 4-H office. Please allow 2-to-3 weeks for processing and mailing.
- f. Honor Club pins may be purchased from the state 4-H office. Pins should not be ordered until member is approved for membership.

STATE 4-H RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

JUNIOR HIGH 4-H CONTINUING SERVICE AWARD

Purpose

- a. To recognize junior high 4-H members who have made significant contributions in the area of 4-H promotion.
- b. To recognize junior high 4-H members who have shown leadership ability both on an individual basis and with an organized group.
- c. To recognize junior high 4-H members who have participated in activities which are of value to the 4-H member's family and community.
- d. To recognize junior high 4-H members who have shown consistent personal growth through participation in 4-H activities.

Requirements

- a. Must be a junior high 4-H member.

Procedure

- a. Recommendations for membership shall be approved by the county Extension agents who will forward the names of the recipients to the state 4-H office.
- b. A member may receive this award only one time.
- c. Agents should complete the request form found here:
<https://4h.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/47/2020/05/f839.pdf>.

Award

Each recipient will receive a Tennessee Junior High 4-H Continuing Service Award certificate.

Donor

Tennessee 4-H Alumni, Inc.

STATE 4-H RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

4-H ALL STAR ORGANIZATION

Purpose

The 4-H All Star organization encourages service to others through both individual and cooperative efforts. This purpose is expressed in the motto of the organization: "Service." 4-H All Stars shall be expected to make a personal application of the motto.

Requirements

- a. Members must be a senior 4-H member during the current calendar year.
- b. Members must have been approved for Honor Club membership by the state 4-H office.
- c. Refer to the current regional 4-H All Star Constitution for requirements and procedures. Contact your 4-H Regional Program Leader for details.

STATE 4-H RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

ALL STAR 4-H PROJECT EXHIBIT

Purpose

The purpose of the project exhibit is to provide 4-H All Stars an additional opportunity to share accomplishments, ideas, requirements and/or results of special studies or research in their 4-H project with others.

Rules

- a. Any active 4-H All Star who attends the State 4-H All Star Conference may enter one exhibit in the competition.
- b. Exhibits must be displayed on a 3' x 3' tabletop. The area from the tabletop to the floor may also be utilized.
- c. Members are encouraged to make their exhibits "free standing" since it may not be possible for each table to be against a wall.
- d. Exhibits will be scored according to the 4-H educational display score sheet.

Awards

A first-place plaque and a \$100 cash award will be awarded to the All Star with the highest scoring exhibit. The top five exhibitors will receive a \$50 cash award. All exhibits will be classified into blue, red and white award groups.

STATE 4-H RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

ALL STAR DON BOWMAN PROJECT AWARD

General Information

An awards program for county 4-H All Star organizations

Purpose

To recognize county All Star groups for their most outstanding service project.

Records Required

Form 591, All Star Service Award Report Form.

Awards

- a. County: Each county All Star organization should report all community service activities on Form 591 (<https://4h.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/47/2020/05/f591.pdf>) and submit the form to the regional office. Only one project may be recorded on each form; however, a county may submit as many forms to the regional office as they would like. Each county group submitting a report to their regional office will receive a certificate of recognition.
- b. Region: Each region will select the most outstanding service project from all their regional entries to submit to state competition. Each regional winner will receive a certificate and a \$50 cash award.
- c. State: Winner of the Don Bowman Project Award will be announced at State 4-H All Star Conference. The winning county will receive a plaque and a \$100 cash award.

Donor

Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation

STATE 4-H RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

ALL STAR PEGGY DAVIS SERVICE AWARD

General Information

An awards program for county 4-H All Star organizations

Purpose

To recognize county All Star groups who have completed the most service projects.

Records required

Form 591, All Star Service Award Report Form.

Awards

- a. County: Each county All Star organization should report all community service activities on Form 591. This form is found here: <https://4h.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/47/2020/05/f591.pdf>. Submit the form to the regional office. Only one project may be recorded on each form; however, a county may submit as many forms to the regional office as they would like. Each county group submitting a report to their regional office will receive a certificate of recognition.
- b. Region: Each region will select the county submitting the most service projects from all their regional entries to submit to state competition. Each regional winner will receive a certificate and a \$50 cash award.
- c. State: Winner of the Peggy Davis Service Award will be announced at State 4-H All Star Conference. The county submitting the most entries will receive a plaque and a \$100 cash award.

Donor

Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation

STATE 4-H RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

VOL STATE RECOGNITION

Purpose

To give deserved recognition to 4-H members and others on a statewide basis who have particularly outstanding records in project achievement, leadership and service in 4-H.

Requirement

- a. Members must be an active 4-H member.
- b. Members must have been enrolled in the 11th or 12th school grade on January 1 of the current calendar year.
- c. Members must be an active 4-H All Star.
- d. Members must attend State 4-H Roundup to receive this honor.

Procedure

- a. Each county may recommend two members. Requests for additional nominees must be approved through the regional office.
- b. Nominees must have been initiated into 4-H Honor Club and 4-H All Stars at least one year prior to the Vol State nomination
- c. County UT/TSU Extension agents will indicate during the 4-H Roundup pre-registration all members who are recommended to receive the Vol State Award. \$10 per nominee will be submitted to the regional office on the date announced by the regional staff.
- d. Once approved by the regional staff, the names are forwarded to the state 4-H office for final approval.

STATE 4-H RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

ALUMNI RECOGNITION

Record Procedure

Each region may submit records of two alumni for state judging.

Awards

Plaque to two state winners.

Donor

Tennessee 4-H Alumni, Inc.

STATE 4-H RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

STATE 4-H VOLUNTEER ADULT LEADER RECOGNITION

Purposes

- a. To give deserved recognition to adult 4-H volunteer leaders in Tennessee.
- b. To recognize the importance of adult 4-H volunteers' involvement in local and county 4-H program
- c. To provide new learning experiences for adult volunteer leaders.

Requirements

- a. Nominees must have served five or more years as an active Tennessee 4-H adult volunteer leader.
- b. Nominees must currently be a leader for a 4-H club or project group.
- c. Nominees must have participated in 4-H activities beyond the county level.

Procedures

- a. Copies of the official application form are available from the state 4-H office.
- b. Each county may submit one nominee's application form to the regions.
- c. Regions may send two nominees' application forms to state competition.
- d. Volunteer application forms are due in the state 4-H office at the same time as 4-H Project e-portfolios

Award

Trip to National 4-H Congress and Charline H. Powell plaque.

Donors

State 4-H Fund and Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Kant

STATE 4-H RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

MASTER 4-H FAMILY RECOGNITION

Purpose

To give deserved recognition to 4-H families on the county, region and state levels who have shown consistent leadership ability and exceptional participation in all phases of 4-H Club work.

Requirements

- a. A "FAMILY" is defined as all individuals living within one household.
- b. Eligible families must have at least one member actively involved in 4-H activities on the local and county levels. (In such roles as: 4-H member, volunteer leader, donor, etc.)
- c. Eligible families must have been actively involved in 4-H club work for no less than five years, including the current year.

Procedures

The Master 4-H Family application and one letter of recommendation from one county Extension agent from the applicant's home county must be submitted for each entrant. No family may be recognized two consecutive years on the county level. A family may receive the state recognition only one time.

Awards

- a. County Level: Each county may recognize one family annually, plus one additional family for every 100 volunteer leaders or major portion thereof, as reported on the most recent Annual 4-H Youth Enrollment Report (Found in SUPER reports).
- b. Regional recipients will be selected from applications of county honorees. The number should not exceed one-third the total applications received. Each family recognized will receive a plaque.
- c. State Level: State recipients will be selected from applications of regional nominees. The number selected shall not exceed ten, or no more than one-fifth the total number of applications received. Each family recognized will receive a framed Tennessee Master 4-H Family medallion.

Donor

William M. and Ruth Hale Endowment Fund

STATE 4-H RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

NATIONAL 4-H SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to recognize two outstanding 4-H volunteers, annually. Two volunteers from Tennessee are selected (2 categories: Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer and Volunteer of the Year). These selected volunteers' applications will then be forwarded for regional and national consideration. One volunteer will be selected from each Cooperative Extension Region (Northeast, South, North Central, West) in each of the two categories (8 total). Each region will have its own Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer and Volunteer of the Year. The eight regional honorees become nominees for the national award, and one candidate in each category will be named the national Honoree.

Criteria

1. The Volunteer of the Year Award (VOY) is for currently serving 4-H volunteers who have served as 4-H volunteers less than 10 years at the local, county, district or state level.
2. The Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award (OLV) is for current or former 4-H volunteers who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, district or state level.

Nomination Procedures

1. Nomination Packets must be submitted by a County Extension Agent to Daniel Sarver, 4-H Extension Volunteer Specialist (dsarver@utk.edu).
2. A completed nomination will consist of a nomination resume of the applicant's 4-H and relevant community volunteer experiences and three (3) letters of recommendation. A packet missing any of the four components (resume and 3 letters of recommendation) will be eliminated.

3. Letters of recommendation should be no longer than 2 pages in length, in 12-point font with 1-inch margins. Letters of Recommendation should be written by individuals who can best describe the nominee's qualifications for the award such as a 4-H youth participant, another volunteer, etc.

Award Information

1. Each County 4-H program may select nominees for each category (VOY & OLV), and submit it for state award consideration.
2. Applications should follow the "Application Template."
3. A Selection Committee will select two state winners, one for each category (VOY & OLV).
4. The state winners will be recognized at Tennessee 4-H Congress and will receive a plaque.
5. Regional and National winners will be announced by National 4-H Council.
6. Council will send each regional Honoree a personalized plaque and donate \$200 in the Honoree's name to a local 4-H Program of the Honoree's choosing.
7. National Honorees will receive a plaque or similar symbol representative of their achievement. Additionally, Council will donate \$1,000 in the Honoree's name to a local 4-H program of their choosing.
8. Awardees should be prepared to provide information in subsequent years regarding the impact of their awards on their community.

Donor

Tennessee 4-H Foundation Volunteer Fund (State) and National 4-H Council (U.S. Regional and National Sponsor)

Section **3**: *Events and Awards*
Programs

STATE 4-H CONGRESS AWARD PROGRAMS

CITIZENSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

4-H Project e-Portfolios

4-H Project e-Portfolios for 4-H Citizenship and Leadership competition are due into the State 4-H Office in January of each year. More information can be learned by clicking on the link below in “related links.” For a guide to assembling a 4-H portfolio, please click on the following link: [Portfolio Guidelines](#). All other e-portfolio forms can be found [online](#) by scrolling down to “portfolio.”

Awards

- a. County:
 1. Twelve finalists (six Level I and six Level II) will receive scholarships to State 4-H Congress. Sweaters will be provided to those who have not attended 4-H Congress previously.
- b. State:
 1. Senior (Level II)
State winner: Trip to National 4-H Congress, engraved silver bowl presented in memory of leula Lee and a \$1,000 educational scholarship; the Level II winner is also recognized at State 4-H Roundup each year where they receive the leula Lee Medallion
 2. Senior (Level I)
State winner: Tennessee 4-H Foundation Horizon Award, an opportunity for a college scholarship and an engraved silver bowl presented in memory of leula Lee; the Level I winner is also recognized at State 4-H Roundup each year where they receive the Horizon Award

Donors

Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation (State Finalists and Trip to National 4-H Congress); leula Lee Endowment Fund (Silver Bowls); and Albert Gore, Sr. Memorial Endowment Fund (Scholarship)

Related Links

<https://4h.tennessee.edu/tennessee-4-h-awards-and-recognition-handbook/state-4-h-events/state-4-h-congress/>

STATE 4-H CONGRESS AWARD PROGRAMS

TENNESSEE TRADITION AWARDS

Horizon Award

The Horizon Award is presented to all Level I state winners in project competition. The Horizon Award is a pyramid on a walnut base. A gold medallion with the words "State Winner – Senior Level I" and a 4-H emblem superimposed over an outline of the state is embedded in the pyramid. The award symbolizes 4-H'ers quest to explore new horizons as they develop life skills. Various donors sponsor the Horizon Award. Level I project winners at Tennessee 4-H Congress receive this award during the 4-H Roundup Awards banquet in July.

leula Lee Medallion

The Lee Medallion is presented to all Level II winners in project competition. The medallion is circular in shape. The textured center has a 4-H emblem superimposed over a raised shape of the State of Tennessee. The outer part of the medallion has the words "leula Lee Medallion – State Winner" in raised letters. The name of the project and the year are engraved on the back of the medallion. The medallion is provided by the leula Lee Memorial Fund. (Mrs. Lee was a volunteer 4-H leader for over 60 years in Weakley County.). Level II project winners at Tennessee 4-H Congress receive this award during the 4-H Roundup Awards banquet in July.

Level I Scholarships

Each Level I state winner **has the opportunity** to receive a \$500 college scholarship provided by the Herbert College of Agriculture at UTK; UTM College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences; or the UTK College of Education, Health and Human Sciences. These scholarship may be collected upon the successful completion of a semester of college work in the departments of Child and Family Studies or Nutrition in the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; the College of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; or in the departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources or Family and Consumer Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Applied Science at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

National 4-H Congress

Each Level II state project winner will receive the trip to National 4-H Congress. National 4-H Congress is an educational, inspirational, fun-filled, comprehensive national leadership forum designed to expose youth to current leadership philosophy and research in critical areas such as agriculture, environment, community, families and communications. It is currently held in Atlanta, Georgia. If a Level II state project winner

opts not to attend National 4-H Congress for any reason other than sickness (dr. excuse must be presented to State 4-H Leader or death of an immediate family member), they forfeit any scholarship associated with the win.

STATE 4-H CONGRESS AWARDS PROGRAM

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Judging procedures

a. Junior and Junior High Divisions:

1. Note: All contest procedures for Junior and Junior High Public Speaking contest divisions are a responsibility of regional offices. Please contact your 4-H Regional Program Leader for details.

b. Senior Division:

1. There will be a separate division for each grade (9th, 10th, 11th and 12th).
2. Members will present a prepared speech not to exceed seven minutes in length and will give an extemporaneous speech not to exceed two minutes in length. For each 30 seconds the speaker exceeds the seven-minute time limit, one point will be deducted from the final score; five points will be deducted from the final score if this speech is less than three minutes in length.
3. The prepared speech will count 75%, and the extemporaneous speech will count 25%. Form 656A should be used as the scorecard for the prepared speech, and Form 657 should be used for the extemporaneous speech.
4. Members may enter the citizenship or leadership awards program in addition to the public speaking contest.
5. Procedure for breaking ties: If a tie exists between individuals, the highest prepared speech score will break the tie(s). If still tied, the combined extemporaneous speech subject matter and composition scores (well organized, information, good introduction and conclusion) will be used to break the tie. If still tied, the combined prepared speech delivery scores (bodily action, voice) will be used to break the tie.

Procedure for Conducting State Extemporaneous Public Speaking

- a. The state 4-H staff will select the topics to be used for the event.
- b. 4-H members participating in the state event will draw numbers to determine the order in which they will speak.
- c. Extemporaneous speeches will be given with only the judges and persons coordinating the public speaking activity present.

- d. Members will draw a topic from the selected topics. One minute will be allowed for the 4-H member to prepare for the speech. Note cards will be provided to each participant to use in preparation for the speech.
- e. Speeches should not exceed a time limit of two minutes. Each participant will be given a signal when one minute and 30 seconds and when two minutes of the time for their speech have elapsed. Judges should disregard any information given by the contestant after the two-minute signal has been given.

Awards

- a. Region: Scholarships to State 4-H Congress to two finalists in each of the four senior grade divisions.
- b. State: Each first-place senior winner will receive the Lute Truett Memorial Silver Bowl and a \$100 cash award. All other senior participants in the state contest will receive a \$25 cash award. In addition, the 10th and 11th grade winner both receive a \$500 scholarship and the 12th grade winner receives a \$1,000 scholarship.

Donors

Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation (Regional Awards); Henry County Extension Staff (State Awards); Lute Truett Memorial Fund (Silver Bowl); Jared Pickens (college scholarship for 10th grade winner); friends and family in memory of Lorna Norwood (college scholarship for 11th grade winner); and family of Leon Foster (college scholarship for 12th grade winner)

STATE 4-H CONGRESS AWARDS PROGRAM

4-H POSTER ART CONTEST

Judging procedures

Each region may submit up to fifteen (15) entries in the state contest.

Rules

- a. A 4-H member, a club or team of members may make a poster.
- b. Posters must be horizontal.
- c. Posters must be 14 x 22 inches.
- d. Name, address, county and age of the 4-H member(s) should be clearly written on the back of each poster.
- e. 4-H is to be the topic for the poster.
- f. Well known cartoon figures cannot be used because they are copyrighted – such as Marvel Super Heroes, Disney characters, Ninja Turtles, Lego characters, Pokémon characters, etc.
- g. Three dimensional objects or materials, which extend 1/8 inch or more above the surface of the poster, may not be used.
- h. If the 4-H Emblem is used on the poster, do not place text or other images over or on top of it. The 4-H Emblem should not appear screened under words or graphics. No photo, drawing, symbol, word or other figure or object may be placed on or obscure the 4-H Emblem.

Awards

A rosette and a \$25 cash award for each of the 10 state winning posters.

Donor

Former University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Workers Association (FUTIAWA)

Resources

See further details and winners [here](#).

STATE 4-H CONGRESS AWARDS PROGRAM

TENNESSEE 4-H HISTORY BOWL

Eligibility

1. Each county may select two members, who are State 4-H Congress delegates, to participate in the regional Tennessee History Bowl elimination.
2. Each region may select two members to participate in the State Tennessee History Bowl.
3. All questions to be used in the Tennessee History Bowl will come from a bibliography of publications which will be sent to each county office prior to the regional contest.

Procedure

Part I

1. There will be a pool of 12 questions with each team having the opportunity to answer four questions each without any competition from the other teams.
2. The questions will be rotated between the regions. For example, the Western Region will have one question, then the Central Region, and the Eastern Region until all regions have the opportunity to answer a question for a total of 12 questions. Each team's questions will be drawn from the pool of questions on stage.
3. A correct answer will count 10 points. An incorrect answer will result in 10 points deducted from the team's score. There is not penalty for an unanswered question.
4. A team will have five seconds to answer a question.
5. Scores earned in Part I will be added to scores earned in Part II to determine the winner.

Part II

1. Each team will be seated at a table with a signal box. When a question is asked, the first team to press its signal button will have the opportunity to answer the

question. The team whose signal light is activated will have the opportunity to answer the question even if another team answers out of turn. After one signal button is pressed, no other signal will register. Be sure your signal is lighted before providing an answer.

2. The team with the activated signal will have five seconds in which to give an answer. Either member of the team may press the signal button and either may answer the question, but it would be wise for one team member to be sure of the answer before flashing the signal.
3. If the signal button is pressed before the question is completed, that team must answer with no further information given.
4. Correct answers will count 10 points each. An incorrect answer or failure to answer after a team has turned on its signal light will take 10 points from a team's score. There will be no partial credit for a question.
5. A team that has negative 50 points drops out of the contest.
6. The contest will continue until one team has scored 200 points or until expiration of allotted time, whichever comes first.
7. If two or more teams are tied when time is up, one question will be asked to break the tie (other teams are not eligible).
8. Score will be kept digitally and projected onto the screen for the audience to see.

Awards

The two individuals making up the state-winning History Bowl team will receive engraved plaques and a \$50 cash award. All other participants will receive a \$25 cash award.

Donor

Mrs. Janet Cluck, Former County Director and Extension Agent in Dickson County, is the donor for the State 4-H History Bowl awards. We thank her for the continuous support of this great competition!

STATE 4-H CONGRESS AWARDS PROGRAM

B.I.L.L.S. – BUILDING INSIGHT INTO LAWS AND LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES

Introduction

This activity provides 4-H'ers with the background knowledge they need to gain a deeper understanding of the legislative system in Tennessee thereby helping them to have a more meaningful educational experience at 4-H Congress.

The activity is in NearPod®. Anyone can access the lesson as you do not have to have an account to use NearPod®. The activity contains four parts:

- How local government works for everyone ...including teens
- How an idea becomes a bill and a bill becomes a law
- What legislative standing committees do
- The parts of a bill

4-H'ers can work on their own through this activity or 4-H agents can use this as part of a training program – in a classroom, Honor Club, etc. Please note: if you conduct this NearPod activity as part of a classroom, Honor Club program, etc., where a group of 4-H'ers have gathered, each 4-H'er will need to submit his/her own NearPod® activity in order to be eligible for awards.

Deadlines and Awards

4-H'ers who complete the ENTIRE NearPod® activity by a set deadline (see the state calendar) will have their names entered into a drawing at 4-H Congress. Three Congress delegates from each of the three regions will receive a \$50 gift card. The drawings will take place at Congress and the winners will be announced during the Inaugural Ball.

STATE 4-H ROUNDUP AWARD PROGRAMS

MAIN PROJECT RECORDS

4-H Project e-Portfolios

4-H Project e-Portfolios for 4-H Main Project e-Portfolio competition are due into the State 4-H Office in the spring of each year. More information can be learned by clicking on the link below in "related links." For a guide to assembling a 4-H portfolio, please click on the following link: [Portfolio Guidelines](#). All other e-portfolio forms can be found [online](#) by scrolling down to "portfolio."

Awards

- a. State:
 1. Twelve finalists (six Level I and six Level II) will receive scholarships to State 4-H Roundup
 2. Senior (Level II)
State winner: Trip to National 4-H Congress, engraved silver bowl, Leula Lee Medallion and a scholarship – please note that the bowls and scholarships are given by various donors
 3. Senior (Level I)
State winner: Tennessee 4-H Foundation Horizon Award, an opportunity for a college scholarship and a Horizon Award -- please note that the bowls and scholarships are given by various donors

Donors

There are dozens of donors that provide awards and scholarships for this event and recognition program. Please contact the Tennessee 4-H Foundation for more information.

Related Links

<https://4h.tennessee.edu/roundup/>

STATE 4-H ROUNDUP AWARD PROGRAMS

TENNESSEE TRADITION AWARDS

Horizon Award

The Horizon Award is presented to all Level I state winners in project competition. The Horizon Award is a pyramid on a walnut base. A gold medallion with the words "State Winner – Senior Level I" and a 4-H emblem superimposed over an outline of the state is embedded in the pyramid. The award symbolizes 4-H'ers quest to explore new horizons as they develop life skills. Various donors sponsor the Horizon Award.

Lee Medallion

The Lee Medallion is presented to all Level II winners in project competition. The medallion is circular in shape. The textured center has a 4-H emblem superimposed over a raised shape of the State of Tennessee. The outer part of the medallion has the words "leula Lee Medallion – State Winner" in raised letters. The name of the project and the year are engraved on the back of the medallion. The medallion is provided by the leula Lee Memorial Fund. (Mrs. Lee was a volunteer 4-H leader for over 60 years in Weakley County.)

Level I Scholarships

Each Level I state winner **has the opportunity** to receive a \$500 college scholarship provided by the Herbert College of Agriculture at UTK; UTM College of Agriculture and

Applied Sciences; or the UTK College of Education, Health and Human Sciences. These scholarship may be collected upon the successful completion of a semester of college work in the departments of Child and Family Studies or Nutrition in the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; the College of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; or in the departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources or Family and Consumer Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Applied Science at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

National 4-H Congress

Each Level II state project winner will receive the trip to National 4-H Congress. National 4-H Congress is an educational, inspirational, fun-filled, comprehensive national leadership forum designed to expose youth to current leadership philosophy and research in critical areas such as agriculture, environment, community, families and communications. It is currently held in Atlanta, Georgia. If a Level II state project winner opts not to attend National 4-H Congress for any reason other than sickness (dr. excuse must be presented to State 4-H Leader or death of an immediate family member), they forfeit any scholarship associated with the win.

OTHER AWARD PROGRAMS

DAIRY POSTER CONTEST

Rules and Procedures

- a. Members will make a promotional poster about milk and/or milk products using the theme designated by the sponsoring organization.
- b. Posters must be 14 x 22 inches. Posters must be horizontal.
- c. The county Extension agent(s) will be responsible for determining the county winner and submitting the poster for state judging.
- d. The county winning poster must be received by Denise Jones, SUDIA, P.O. Box 77, Loretto, KY 40037 by the deadline date.
- e. Member's name, address, agent's name, phone number and the number of posters entered in the local and county contests must be on a 3" X 5" card attached to the back of the poster.
- f. Judges will be selected by ADA of Tennessee and all posters will become the property of ADA of Tennessee. Posters will not be returned to individuals.

Awards

(State winners will be announced at the June Dairy Month kick-off luncheon in Nashville.)

- a. County Winner: T-shirt
- b. State Winners: First – \$550; second – \$300; and third – \$200

- c. County office with first place winner – \$150

Donor

American Dairy Association of Tennessee

OTHER AWARD PROGRAMS

JUNE DAIRY MONTH

Eligibility

- a. One 4-H member from each county may represent the county in competition.
- b. Tennessee's 95 counties are divided into three groups according to the number of radio stations and newspapers in the county. These three groups form the three divisions of competition in each region. Counties will only be competing with the other counties within the group except for the special award for creativity.

Records Required

A report (in scrapbook form) on all June Dairy Month promotion activities must be submitted to American Dairy Association of Tennessee by the date specified in the ADA announcement of the activity.

Scorecard

- a. Use of radio – 20%
- b. Use of newspaper – 10%
- c. Promotion projects – 70%

Awards

Participation awards will be made to all county representatives. Plaques and appropriate merchandise awards will be made to regional and state winners in each division.

Donor

American Dairy Association of Tennessee

OTHER AWARD PROGRAMS

PHOTO SEARCH

General Information

The 4-H Consumer Decision Making contest trains 4-H members in decision making skills related to consumer education. 4-H members will learn:

- To demonstrate skills in making decisions based on facts
- To apply knowledge and experience in consumer education by analyzing consumer situations
- To experience making choices among selected marketplace options
- To develop and strengthen reasoning ability in consumer skills
- To demonstrate their ability to organize thoughts and express them orally in a clear, confident manner

Eligibility

This contest is open to 4-H members in the 6th to 12th grade, as of January 1st of the current year.

General Rules

1. Any junior high or senior 4-H member may submit entries. The member must take entry photos submitted for the contest.
2. Each entry will consist of a completed entry form for each photo, and an electronic JPEG file for each photo.
3. A completed entry form must accompany each Photo Search entry.
4. Photos should relate to 4-H involvement. An entry may be a single photo or a series of not more than four photos. A series may be a “before and after” scene or a “how to” sequence.
5. Entries will be judged on quality and message. The photos might depict 4-H project work; 4-H exhibits, shows, fairs, etc.; 4-H leadership or citizenship; leisure education, camp, etc.; human interest or other.
6. Each county may select up to ten entries to submit for state judging.
7. All county-winning photographs must be in the state 4-H office by June 5 of the current year, so there is adequate time for judging and printing of the winning entries before Roundup.
8. Ten entries will be displayed at State 4-H Roundup. 8” X 10” prints of these will be made.
9. Entry forms for entries will be furnished to 4-H members. This form contains an optional clause that would give UT Extension the right to use pictures in publications, publicity, etc. All entries will become property of the Tennessee 4-H Youth Development and will not be returned to the 4-H member unless otherwise requested.

Dates

Due into the State 4-H Office early to mid-June. Please check the State 4-H website calendar for specific dates each year. Check with your county and regional offices for those due dates.

Awards

The top ten (10) photo winners will receive a rosette, and a \$25 check. State-winning photos are displayed at 4-H Roundup and throughout the year at the State 4-H Office.

Study Guide and Resources

Study guides: Please see <https://4h.tennessee.edu/photography/> to find project outcomes and resources.

OTHER AWARD PROGRAMS

SHOOTING SPORTS

General Information

The Tennessee 4-H Shooting Sports Program is a volunteer-led program that teaches life skills and STEM principles through shooting sports. Youth learn safety and shooting techniques in the disciplines of air pistol, archery, hunting, muzzleloader, rifle, and shotgun. This program is affiliated with [National 4-H Shooting Sports](#). Contact your [county Extension office](#) for more information on joining 4-H and the opportunities in your county. Eligibility

General Rules

1. Current rules and regulations for the Tennessee 4-H State Shoot are on the [4-H Web site](#). Proposed rule and event changes will be reviewed by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee. The Assistant Dean, 4-H Youth Development and/or his/her designee will approve any changes.
2. Individuals may compete at any state competition without limit (refer to specific discipline rules); with the exception being the State 4-H BB Jamboree. The

Daisy National BB Gun Championship dictates rules governing the State 4-H BB Jamboree (refer to the State 4-H BB Jamboree rules).

Dates

Please click on the following list for a complete list of certification trainings, events and competitions: <https://4h.tennessee.edu/shooting-sports/>

Donors

- National Wildlife Turkey Federation
- National Rifle Association
- Civilian Marksmanship Program
- Daisy
- Federal Premium Ammunition

Awards

All information regarding Tennessee Shooting Sports can be found at the following link: <https://4h.tennessee.edu/shooting-sports/>

Study Guide and Resources

Please click on the following list for a complete list of rules, registrations and results: <https://4h.tennessee.edu/shooting-sports/>

OTHER AWARD PROGRAMS

BEEKEEPING ESSAY

General Information

The Beekeeping Essay Contest allows 4-H'ers to use their writing and research skills in developing an essay on a beekeeping-related topic.

Eligibility

This contest is open to 4-H members in the 4th to 12th grade, as of January 1st of the current year.

General Rules

1. Contest is open to active 4-H club members only. 4-H'ers who have previously placed first, second, or third at the national level are not eligible; other state winners are eligible to re-enter. Failure to meet any one rule will disqualify entry.
2. Write on the designated subject only.
3. All factual statements and interview references must be cited in a "sources" or "bibliography" list.
4. On a separate page, please include a brief biographical statement of the writer including mailing address, email address and phone number.
5. Essay must encompass the designated topic in 750 to 1,000 words. Word count does not include sources, works cited or the writer's biographical statement.
6. Essay must be typewritten or computer-generated on single-sided pages and formatted following standard manuscript format using double-spaced type and 12pt font in legible font face.
7. Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research, 40%; (b) accuracy, 30%; (c) creativity, 10%; (d) conciseness, 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic, 10%.
8. Essayists should not submit essays directly to The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. office.
9. All entries become the property of the Foundation and may be published or used as it sees fit. No essay will be returned.

Dates

All essays are to be submitted to beeessay@utk.edu. The submission deadline is in March. A specific deadline will be announced from the State 4-H Office.

OTHER AWARD PROGRAMS

ANIMAL SCIENCE CONTESTS

General Information

The University of Tennessee Animal Science Department offers a number of educational contests for 4-H'ers in a variety of animal science areas. These contests include:

- Dairy Quiz Bowl
- Dairy Judging
- Hippology
- Horse Bowl
- Horse Communications
- Livestock Quiz Bowl
- Livestock Judging
- Meats Judging
- Poultry Judging
- Agribition Judging

Eligibility

Specifics regarding eligibility, general rules, dates, donors, awards and study guides/resources can be found at the following link: <https://animalscience.tennessee.edu/educational-contests/>

Section 4 : *Judging Teams*

JUDGING TEAMS

GENERAL RULES

1. All 4-H members enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th school grade on January 1 during the calendar year of the state contest are eligible for all senior division judging teams on the state level.
*Exception: Participants in the state land judging and forestry judging contests must be in the 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th school grade on January 1 during the calendar year of the state contest.
2. Members of a team shall represent the same county and belong to 4-H in that county.
3. Counties may enter individuals in each judging area on the regional level when it is not possible to enter a team of three or four individuals. These individuals would be eligible for individual recognition and could serve as substitutes. Any high individual named at a regional contest who is NOT on a state-qualifying team is eligible to compete at the state contest. This individual may only compete as an individual and only if that particular state contest allows individual competitors.
4. In case a member of a regional judging team, eligible for state or national competition, cannot participate in the state or national contest, substitution may be made by the 4-H agent from other 4-H members who participated in the same regional judging contest either as an individual or as a member of a second or third team from that county. No more than two members may be substituted. In case a county has three teams eligible for the state contest in the same judging area, no substitutions will be allowed unless they come from within those teams.
5. Each region will send four teams to the state contest in all areas.
*Exceptions: Each region can only send three teams to the state wildlife judging contest and the Grill Master Challenge contest. Dairy and dairy products are non-qualifying events; there is no limit as to the number of county teams that may participate in the state contest.
6. Members of each state winning team and the second-place land judging team shall be ineligible to participate on the same team again; however, if still eligible, may participate on other teams.
7. A state 4-H project winner may participate on judging teams if otherwise eligible.
8. All team members who represent Tennessee in any national 4-H judging contest must have passed their 14th birthday and cannot have passed their 19th birthday on January 1 of the year the national contest is held.
9. State sponsorship funds to national contests will be forfeited unless a qualified team represents Tennessee in the national event.
10. All tiebreakers will be determined by the subject matter specialist in charge of the contest.
11. Any winning team who receives funding from the Tennessee 4-H Foundation to attend a national contest, but cancels, forfeits said funding.



4-H Judging Team Eligibility Chart

JUDGING CONTEST	CURRENT GRADE <i>(on date of contest)</i>			STATE CONTEST	GRADE <i>(as of January 1 of current year)</i>
	JUNIOR	JUNIOR HIGH	SENIOR		
Consumer Decision Making			9, 10, 11, 12	October	9th - 12th
Dairy Cattle			9, 10, 11, 12	August	9th - 12th
Dairy Products			9, 10, 11, 12	October	9th - 12th
FCS Skillathon		6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12	October	9th - 12th
Forestry	4, 5	6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12	October	9th - 12th
Grill Master Challenge		6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12	October	9th - 12th
Horse	4, 5	6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12	June	9th - 12th
Horse Bowl and Hippology	4, 5	6, 7, 8	Horse Bowl and Hippology	February	4th - 12th
Land		6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12	October or November	9th - 12th
Livestock	4, 5	6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12	June	9th - 12th
Meats		6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12	June	9th - 12th
Poultry	4, 5	6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12	October	9th - 12th
Wildlife	4, 5	6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12	June	9th - 12th

ANIMAL JUDGING TEAMS

Information regarding all animal science-related judging events, shows, educational contests and resources, etc... can be found through the University of Tennessee Department of Animal Science. Please check with your regional offices for additional information. For specific contact links, please see below:

DAIRY CATTLE

For information on Dairy Cattle Judging – and other dairy-related contests – please visit the following page: <https://utdairy.tennessee.edu/youth/>

HORSE

For information on Horse Judging – and other horse-related contests – please visit the following page: <https://uthorse.tennessee.edu/youth-educational-contests/>

LIVESTOCK

For information on Livestock Judging – and other livestock-related shows and contests – please visit the following page: <https://animalscience.tennessee.edu/educational-contests/>

MEATS IDENTIFICATION

For information on Livestock Judging – and other livestock-related shows and contests – please visit the following page: <https://animalscience.tennessee.edu/educational-contests/>

POULTRY

For information on Livestock Judging – and other livestock-related shows and contests – please visit the following page: <https://animalscience.tennessee.edu/educational-contests/>

JUDGING TEAMS

CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

General Information

The 4-H Consumer Decision Making contest trains 4-H members in decision making skills related to consumer education. 4-H members will learn:

- To demonstrate skills in making decisions based on facts
- To apply knowledge and experience in consumer education by analyzing consumer situations
- To experience making choices among selected marketplace options
- To develop and strengthen reasoning ability in consumer skills
- To demonstrate their ability to organize thoughts and express them orally in a clear, confident manner

Eligibility

This contest is open to 4-H members in the 9th to 12th grade, as of January 1st of the current year.

General Rules

Teams will consist of three or four members, with the top three scores being combined to make up the team score. Each county can enter up to three senior teams in the regional contest. The contest will consist of three parts:

- Placing and Ranking – students will rank four given items according to which best meets the need of the scenario presented, for a total of four to six classes
- Oral Reasons – 4-H members will give one to two sets of oral reasons based on the placings of a designated placing class
- Group Think – teams will be given a situation to evaluate and must present their best solutions to a panel of judges (team has 10 minutes total time, and scoring is based on team participation and the team process)

Dates

The regional contest will be held prior to the state contest. The top four senior teams will advance to the state contest. Please check your regional calendar for exact date and location.

State Contest

The state contest is typically held in the October. The first-place and second-place teams will advance to the FCS National Championship and Conference in San Antonio, Texas typically held in early January. The first-place team will compete in the National Consumer Decision Making contest. The second-place team will compete in the National FCS Quiz Bowl contest.

Donors

Greever 4-H Endowment and Mary Stanfill 4-H Endowment

Awards

State:

1. First place team award of \$1,000 to use towards trip to compete in the national Consumer Decision Making contest at the National FCS Championship and Conference in San Antonio, Texas.
2. Second place team award of \$1,000 to use towards trip to compete in the national FCS Quiz Bowl at the National Consumer Decision Making Championship and Conference in San Antonio, Texas.
3. Plaque for champion team and high scoring individual.
4. Medallions for members of the champion team.

Study Guide and Resources

- [State 4-H Consumer Decision Making Study Guide](#)
- FCS National Championship and Conference: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/fcs/>

JUDGING TEAMS

DAIRY PRODUCTS JUDGING

General Information

The 4-H Dairy Products contest trains 4-H members to evaluate dairy products including milk, cheese, frozen desserts and artificial verses real flavorings. 4-H members will learn:

- To identify defects such as freshness, acidity, oxidization, etc... to milk product
- To identify defects in cheeses including bitterness, fermented or fruity flavors, high acidity, rancid and flat tasting, etc...
- To detect the difference between different types of ice cream samples including full fat (premium) verses low or no fat and natural verses artificially flavored ice creams
- To identify real verses artificial flavors in dairy products such as fat spreads, whipped toppings, creamers, and cheese products

Eligibility

This contest is open to 4-H members in the 9th to 12th grade, as of January 1st of the current year.

General Rules

Teams will consist of three or four members, with the top three scores being combined to make up the team score. The contest will consist of four parts:

- Evaluate 2% milk (5 samples),
- Evaluate Cheddar Cheese (5 samples),
- Identify 5 frozen desserts, and
- Identify 4 samples as real or artificial

Dates

Currently, the contest does not have a regional qualifier. Therefore, the state contest is considered an “open” contest, meaning a county may register as many senior teams as they desire.

State Contest

The state contest is typically held in the October.

Donors

American Dairy Association of Tennessee; Tennessee Dairy Products Association; and Tennessee Association of Extension 4-H Workers

Awards

State:

1. Dinner for teams and coaches.
2. First place team will receive a plaque and \$1,000 for an educational trip. The 4-H agent of the winning team will be responsible for planning the educational trip and submitting those plans in advance to the state 4-H office for approval prior to receiving the cash award.
3. Plaque to high scoring individual.
4. \$300 college scholarship to high individual in all products.
5. Medallions to members of champion team.

Study Guide and Resources

[State 4-H Dairy Products Study Guide](#)

JUDGING TEAMS

FORESTRY

General Information

Forestry judging trains 4-H members in decision-making skills related to forestry and forest management. 4-H members will learn:

- How to identify native species of trees by their twig, fruit and wood
- How to identify insects and diseases found in trees of the Tennessee forest
- How to measure trees and evaluate timber
- How to use a compass and basic geometric concepts

Eligibility

This contest is open to 4-H members in the 4th to 12th grade, as of January 1st of the current year.

General Rules

A team will consist of three or four 4-H members. Each member works independently and the top three scores are combined to make up the team score. At the regional contest, members will participate in tree identification, wood identification (senior high only), insect and disease identification, tree measurement, compass traverse (senior high only) and pacing (junior high). Forest evaluation is added to the contest on the state level. Forest evaluation is a team event with the team working together to evaluate a site, the stand, the forest inventory and the recommended management practices needed based on a given situation.

Dates

The regional judging contest will be held prior to the state contest. Check your regional calendar for the exact date and location.

The state contest will be held in conjunction with the State 4-H Fall Judging Day, typically held in mid-October. The top four regional senior high teams will qualify for this event.

The top placing team in the state contest will advance to the National 4-H Forestry Invitational, held in late summer, in Weston, West Virginia.

Resources

A new edition of the Tennessee 4-H Forestry Judging Manual – created by Chris Graves, UT Extension Forestry and Wildlife Specialist – is available through UT Publications (PB1922). The National Forestry Invitational Contest also has resources on their website: <https://4hforestryinvitational.org/training>. Please check with your regional offices for additional training information.

Donors

John B. Sharp Jr. Forestry Endowment and Tennessee Association of Extension 4-H Workers

Awards

State:

- a. Awards to champion team and high scoring individual.
- b. Partial funds to attend National 4-H Forestry Invitational for champion team.
- c. Medallions to members of champion team.

JUDGING TEAMS

GRILL MASTER CHALLENGE

General Information

The 4-H Grill Master Challenge is designed to promote the use of meat products in the diet by teaching the safe preparation of beef, pork, lamb and poultry.

Eligibility

This contest is open to 4-H members in the 6th to 12th grade, as of January 1st of the current year.

General Rules

- a. Each county may enter three junior high and three senior teams on the regional level.
- b. Members who enter the junior high division must be in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade on January 1 of the current year.
- c. Members who enter the senior division must be in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade on January 1 of the current year.
- d. A team will consist of four members. A team must have an individual in each of the four divisions of the contest. The four divisions will be beef, pork, lamb and poultry.
- e. Counties may enter one, two or three individuals when it is not possible to enter a team with four members. These individuals would be eligible for individual recognition on the regional level and could serve as alternates in the event that a substitution would need to be made for the state contest. Individual specie winners in a regional contest not on a state qualifying team will advance to state competition and are eligible for individual awards on the state level.
- f. Each region will send three senior teams to the state contest.
- g. The contestants will be scored by judges according to the 4-H Grill Master Challenge score sheet.
- h. Each contestant will provide two (2) fresh, uncooked meat items, one for the team platter and the other for sampling. The retail cut is the participant's choice. However, the cut must be prepared within the time limit. The poultry item may be either chicken or turkey. The cut can be marinated prior to the contest.

Contestants should be prepared to state a degree of doneness (rare, medium rare, medium, medium well or well done) for the beef, lamb and pork cuts.

- i. Preparation and cooking time limit is two (2) hours. The contestants are required to turn in the prepared meat at the end of the state cooking time. Contestants will submit only the prepared meat cut to the judges; that is, no additional items (drink, vegetables, etc.) should be submitted to the judges.
- j. The contestant should provide a copy of any recipes used to the judges. Sauces and marinades may be commercial or personal recipe.
- k. Barbecue grills, charcoal starters, grilling supplies and table set-ups must be provided by the contestants. Cooking teams should plan on using a food preparation area no more than 10 feet by 10 feet. Grills and table top display may be outside the 10X10 area. Grills with or without hoods may be used. Also, aluminum foil may be used to construct a windscreen or hood.
- l. As a team, the contestants should prepare the cooking area and table top exhibit without assistance from other 4-Hers or adults. Individually, the contestants will cook their meat. In case of an emergency as determined by contest monitors, team members may be allowed to share cooking space.

Dates

The regional contest will be held prior to the state contest. The top three senior teams will advance to the state contest, as well as the high scoring individual in each of the four divisions. Please check your regional calendar for exact date and location.

State Contest

The state contest is typically held in the October at the State Fall Judging contest. The first-place poultry contestant will advance to the National 4-H Chicken Barbecue Contest. The second-place contestant will advance to the national 4-H Turkey Barbecue Contest. Both contests are held at the National Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, KY in November.

Donors

- Tennessee Department of Agriculture
- Tennessee Beef Industry Council
- Tennessee Egg and Poultry Association
- Tennessee Sheep Producers Association

Awards

State:

- Plaques and \$50 to each member of the champion senior team.
- Plaques to the high individuals in each of the four divisions of the contest.

- First place poultry contestant – Trip to National 4-H Chicken Barbecue Contest.
- Second place poultry contestant – Trip to National 4-H Turkey Barbecue Contest.

Study Guide and Resources

- <https://4h.tennessee.edu/food-science/#OutdoorMeat>

JUDGING TEAMS

LAND JUDGING

General Information

4-H Land Judging trains 4-H members in decision-making skills related to soil and water conservation. Members of this team learn:

- How to determine the physical characteristics of soil
- How to interpret this information for decision-making regarding usage and management practices for soil
- How to predict the limitations of the soil and expected crop yields
- How the soil will affect the quality of ground and surface water
- How the soil will be adapted to a possible home site

Eligibility

This contest is open to 4-H members in the 6th to 12th grade, as of January 1st of the current year.

General Rules

A team consists of three or four 4-H members. Each member works independently, and the top three scores are combined to make up the team score. During the contest, at least four pits or sites will be evaluated. Members will only be allowed to use a pencil, a knife and scorecard during the judging contest. Water bottles will be provided at the sites.

Dates

The top four senior teams from each region will advance to the state contest. Please check your regional calendar for exact date and location.

State Contest

The state contest is typically held in October or early November. The top two placing senior teams in the state contest will advance to the national contest.

Donors

Tennessee Farmers Mutual Insurance Company

Awards

State:

Winner and runner-up will represent Tennessee at the National Land, Pasture and Range Judging Contest in Oklahoma. Each team will receive \$400 to cover expenses to the national event or forfeit award money. In case of forfeit, the award money will go to the next highest scoring team. Plaques will be awarded to the state winner and runner-up teams. These plaques will remain with the team even if the team does not participate in the national event.

Study Guide and Resources

The Land Judging Guide (PB727) is available (Google search or by using the following link):

<http://agwebv01.ag.utk.edu/bess/Extension/ExtPubs/LandJudgingGuidePB727.pdf>.

Please check with your regional offices for additional training information.

JUDGING TEAMS

FCS SKILL-A-THON

The FCS Skill-a-Thon contest trains 4-H members in the identification and definition of items related to consumer education including sewing/clothing, interior design/housing and food/cooking.

Eligibility

This contest is open to 4-H members in the 9th to 12th grade, as of January 1st of the current year.

General Rules

Teams will consist of three or four members, with the top three scores being combined to make up the team score. Team score is a combination of the top three scores on the four individual events, plus the Life Skills Assessment. Each county can enter up to three senior teams in the regional contest. The contest will consist of three parts:

- Sewing and Clothing Identification – 25 items
- Interior Design and Housing Identification – 25 items
- Food and Cooking Identification – 25 items
- Life Skills Assessment – To be completed as a team; Each team will orally complete a response to one, brief scenario

Dates

The regional contest will be held prior to the state contest. The top four senior teams will advance to the state contest. Please check your regional calendar for exact date and location.

State Contest

The state contest is typically held in the October. The first place team will advance to the FCS National Championship and Conference in San Antonio, Texas typically held in early January.

Donors

Tennessee 4-H Foundation

Awards

State:

1. First place team award of \$1,000 to use towards trip to compete in the national Consumer Decision Making contest at the National FCS Championship and Conference in San Antonio, Texas.
2. Plaque for champion team and high individuals
3. Medallions for members of the champion team.

Study Guide and Resources

- FCS National Championship and Conference, Fact Sheets, Study Guides and Identification Sheets: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/fcs/>

JUDGING TEAMS

WILDLIFE

General Information

4-H Wildlife Judging trains 4-H members in decision making skills related to wildlife management. 4-H members learn:

- To determine wildlife management practices needed for a given situation
- To match foods to the different species of wildlife which eat them
- To match the different habitats used by each species of wildlife

Eligibility

This contest is open to 4-H members in the 4th to 12th grade, as of January 1st of the current year.

General Rules

A team consists of three or four members, with the top three scores being combined to make the team score. The contest has two parts:

- Site Evaluation – members are taken to a site to judge and determine the wildlife management practices needed for each individual species of wildlife, including aquatic species
- Wildlife Challenge – members are asked to identify a variety of wildlife species, including such things as food, calls, pelts, feathers, scat or skulls

Dates

The regional contest will be held in May prior to the state contest. The top three senior teams will advance to the state contest. Please check the regional calendar for exact date and location.

State Contest

The state contest is typically held in the late summer. The first-place team will advance to the National 4-H Wildlife Judging Contest.

Donors

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

Awards

State:

- a. First place team – Plaque and qualify to attend the national 4-H wildlife judging contest/medals to team members.
- b. First and second high individual scorers – Plaques.
- c. Coach of winning team – Plaque (if coach is a volunteer leader).

Study Guide and Resources

For additional resources, please contact your regional office. Other resource information can be found at the National Wildlife Habitat Education Program website - <https://www.whep.org/>

Section **5**: *Scholarships*

SCHOLARSHIPS

General Information

Applications for Tennessee 4-H scholarships are due in the State 4-H Office on May 1 of each year. A notification is emailed to all agents on February 1 with specific instructions. The application process is electronic. Tennessee 4-H'ers awarded scholarships are eligible to collect those scholarships at the end of their first semester of post-high school work. Scholarships may not be applied to offset the costs of dual enrollment during a 4-H'ers high school years. Most scholarships require a minimum GPA of 2.0. Scholarships are paid directly to the college, university, technical or trade school in which the 4-H'er is attending. The scholarships are not paid to the 4-H member.

Scholarship Application Process

All information to complete the scholarship application process can be found here:

<https://4h.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/47/2024/02/4-H-College-Scholarship-Application-Instructions.pdf>

To make this process easier, all 4-H'ers are included to complete an Interactive Scholarship Application Worksheet prior to beginning the online process so that all of the necessary information has been collected in advance. This will make the online scholarship application a quicker and easier process:

<https://4h.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/47/2024/01/Interactive-Scholarship-Application-Worksheet.pdf>

Level I 4-H Project Winner Scholarships

Tennessee 4-H'ers who are named a Level I 4-H Project Winner are eligible to receive a \$500 college scholarship paid at the end of their first year of post-high school work. These scholarships are limited to 4-H'ers enrolled at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and the University of Tennessee at Martin. Additionally, 4-H'ers must be majoring in either an Agriculture or Family and Consumer Sciences-related field.

The names of 4-H'ers are submitted at the end of each year to the Dean's offices at both UTK and UTM. The Dean's offices review the list to confirm enrollment, major and GPA. There is no paperwork that a Tennessee 4-H'er must complete to request the payment of this scholarship.

Level II 4-H Project Winner Scholarships

Tennessee 4-H'ers who are named a Level II 4-H Project Winner are eligible to receive their college scholarship at the end of their first year of post-high school work. These scholarships are NOT limited to any school or major. The scholarships do require a minimum GPA of 2.0. However, the 4-H'er MUST attend National 4-H Congress – in its entirety – to be eligible to collect the scholarship.

To collect a scholarship, the 4-H member must submit their most recent transcript (an unofficial copy is sufficient) and complete the following form:

- **F837 – Scholarship Payment Request Form**

Please submit the scholarship payment request using the instructions found in this document:

- **General information: Online 4-H College Scholarship Application**

College Course Credit

Level II 4-H Project Winners may be eligible to earn three-hours of college credit. Currently, college credit is being awarded by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville Animal Sciences Department and Agriculture, Leadership, Education and Communications Department. College credit is limited the following project areas – beef, companion animal, dairy, goat, horse, poultry, sheep, swine, veterinary science, leadership and communications.

To qualify, a 4-H'er must indicate interest in the initial registration process (SUPER) in having their e-portfolio reviewed by academic departments after 4-H competition. A 4-H'er's e-portfolio must receive at least a 70% cumulative score of the e-portfolio and the project interview to qualify for the academic review.

Any Tennessee 4-H'er who earns a 70% or higher cumulative score on their e-portfolio and project interview AND have indicated their wish to have their e-portfolio reviewed by the academic departments will receive a letter (email sent to the 4-H agent) indicating that their e-portfolio is being forwarded for review.

The academic departments review the e-portfolios during the fall semester and will follow up with a letter to each student with additional information and next steps.

Other Scholarships

There are three other types of scholarships – 4-H Livestock, Tennessee 4-H Foundation and scholarships from the Herbert College of Agriculture Dean’s Office. Tennessee 4-H’ers are eligible to receive their college scholarship at the end of their first year of post-high school work. Some of these scholarships are limited to a specific school or major. The scholarships do require a minimum GPA of 2.0. Scholarships are paid directly to the college, university, technical or trade school in which the 4-H’er is attending. The scholarships are not paid to the 4-H member. A list of Tennessee 4-H Foundation scholarships can be found here:

<https://4h.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/47/2024/02/4-H-Scholarship-Listing-2024.pdf>

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