



TENNESSEE 4-H DRESS CODE



OFFICIAL 4-H CONGRESS SWEATER

Should be worn by everyone at each official 4-H Congress dress day.



CASUAL

For workshops, tours, recreation, and informal activities.

- Jeans or khakis
- Athletic shoes, flip-flops, or croc-type footwear
- T-shirts
- Shorts are permitted must be no shorter than fingertip length
- Cut-offs or worn jeans with holes are not permitted



ASSEMBLY

A step above casual, for general sessions and assemblies

- Khakis, or dress pants
- Polo shirts or collared shirts
- Button-down shirts or Blouses
- Knee-length skirts or dresses
- Clean, dark-wash jeans without holes
- Loafers, flats, or clean sneakers



PROFESSIONAL

For Interviews, presentations, and awards programs.

- Collared shirt or blouse
- Dress slacks, skirt, or dress (skirts must be no shorter than fingertip length)
- Professional Blazer or Coat Jacket
- Tie is required
- Black or brown dress shoes
- Dress socks to match
- Official 4-H Congress sweater fall into this category



SEMI-FORMAL

For Banquets, Inaugural Ball, Ceremonies and other dress-up events.

- Slacks, jacket, dress shirt, tie (required), and black or brown dress shoes
- Dresses from knee to floor length or pantsuits appropriate for a prom or similar dress up activity
- Party and prom dresses may be strapless, but must be appropriate. Backless, low-cut (front or back) ensembles or those that expose the midriff or navel are not appropriate.



NOT PERMITTED

- Cut-offs, ripped jeans or other clothing with holes
- Bare feels are not appropriate
- No hats of any kind (pertains to both ladies and gentlemen)
- No headphones unless required for a medical need
- Clothing that advertises alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or drugs
- Clothing with vulgar, obscene, or offensive language, images, or messages
- Pajamas/sleepwear or outfits with visible undergarments are not to be worn outside your room
- Tube tops, halter tops, one-shoulder tops, strapless tops, camisoles, spaghetti straps, clothing that exposes the midriff, navel, back or cleavage
- See-through clothing
- Muscle shirts

OTHER IMPORTANT DETAILS



For security purposes, neck-wallets are to be worn **AROUND THE NECK** at all times. However, they may be carried in a pocket or purse to the Citizenship Banquet and Inaugural Ball.



Tennessee State 4-H staff, Extension personnel and adult volunteer may ask any individual to modify their clothing selection if the dress code is not met.

WHEN IN DOUBT, DRESS UP!

Knowing what to wear for 4-H Congress can be a challenge-especially if this is your first time to the event. Keep in mind that you are representing your county as well as the 4-H program. It is better to be "over-dressed" than "under-dressed." The most important and most basic guideline is that your general appearance should be neat and clean.