



## 4-H Youth Development Program El Dorado County Requirements to Exhibit at Fair

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### Purpose

This document outlines the El Dorado County 4-H Requirements for 4-H Youth to Exhibit at Fair. All requirements listed align to the 4-H Steps to Success policy and FAQ.

### Requirements

1. All youth members, must be a **Member in Good Standing** before attending any 4-H meetings/activities.
2. Youth members must complete the total hours for project completion as determined by the Project Leader (at least a minimum of six (6) hours) held from **September 1st 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.*
3. 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.
4. Youth members must abide by the rules governing participation at the El Dorado County Fair and/or other qualifying fairs are as stated in the respective premium books, the current year's **State Rules for California Fairs**, and **CDFA's Agreement Between 4-H Youth Development Program, Future Farmers of America, Grange and Independent Exhibitors**.
5. Paper fair entry forms with **required 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.

4-H Steps to Success: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/UC4-H/files/210544.pdf>

4-H Steps to Success FAQ: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/UC4-H/files/224707.pdf>





## 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 El Dorado 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 El Dorado 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 El Dorado County Fair 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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