



Ventura County 4-H Awards Protocol

4-H County Events (e.g. Food Faire, Animal Field Day, etc.)

1. Project Development Committees (PDCs) will publish an entry guide for the event. Awards such as medals, pins, ribbons and/or prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the PDCs based on the published event guide. Awards protocol should follow State guidelines for entries and awards when applicable (e.g. Fashion Revue, Presentation Day, Avian Bowl, etc.)
2. For contests where the *item*, such a photo or food item, is judged, the Danish system of judging will be used.
3. For entries where the *4-H youth is judged*, such as animal showmanship, or in competition with other 4-H youth, such as a knowledge bowl, ranking may be used (1st place, 2nd place etc.) in lieu of the Danish system.
4. Primary entrants are to receive participation recognition only (participation certificates or ribbons, or prizes such as pencils, stickers, candy, etc.)

Ventura County Fair Open Divisions

1. 4-H fair awards, such as belt buckles, may be awarded to 4-H youth placing as the top 4-H showman in animal showmanship events. These awards may be purchased by the appropriate PDC if belt buckles are not provided by the fair. **These awards will be distributed at the 4-H Awards Ceremony at the end of the Fair.**
 - a. There are no restrictions on class size, so a belt buckle may be awarded even if there is only one participant in the class.
 - b. If a 4-H youth wins a showmanship class and advances to the next higher class, only one belt buckle from the highest winning class will be awarded.
2. 4-H youth may enter other areas of fair (e.g. Agriculture, Floriculture, Hobbies, etc.) in Open Divisions (non-4-H) as provided for in fair guidelines. There, they may compete for applicable fair premiums and awards, but those entries do not qualify for 4-H fair pins, recognition, or awards.
3. A non-member may not receive a 4-H award.

Ventura County Fair 4-H Divisions

1. 4-H awards, such as belt buckles, may be awarded to 4-H youth in any small or large animal showmanship event when they place first in their age group. Belt buckles may be purchased by the appropriate PDC if belt buckles are not provided by the fair.
2. 4-H youth entered in other areas of fair where entries are specifically open to 4-H members, such as Youth Expo, will be awarded with a 4-H pin for Best of

Division and Best of Show in each age group, even if grouped with Grange or other organizations. PDCs may purchase a special award, such as a plaque or belt buckle, at their discretion for youth receiving a Best in Division in these 4-H youth areas.

Equine Awards To Be Determined by the Equine PDC

Primary

1. Pre-Junior/Primary (ages 5 - 8) 4-H youth are eligible to win participation ribbons or certificates but not medals.
2. Primary youth will receive one 4-H Fair Participation pin when
 - They enter their animal project at Fair (for judging and/or showmanship), OR
 - They submit one or more entries in the 4-H/Grange Department.

Definitions

Award - Ribbon, medal, pin, plaque or belt buckle

Pin - 4-H hat pin

Prize - A small token such as a pencil, piece of candy, etc.