

Madera County 4-H Supplement to Steps to Success in 4-H

*This document is a supplement to the **STEPS TO SUCCESS IN 4-H** effective 7/1/2015 for California 4-H, located at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/210544.pdf> . Counties are allowed to add requirements to exhibit at fair, event attendance and their Incentives and Recognition Program.*

REQUIREMENTS TO EXHIBIT AT FAIR

To qualify to exhibit at the Madera District Fair, Chowchilla-Madera County Fair, or any other county, district, or state fair as a 4-H member, a member must:

Meet the following minimum project written record keeping requirements -(Effective 10/01/21):

- Up-to-date Annual Project Form (APR) *Minimum requirement*
- 6 hours total of instruction at project meetings *OR more as project leader requires*
- Review of APR by CCL and/or project leader(s) before signing fair entry
- Member in good standing including compliance with the 4-H Code of Conduct

Meet the following enrollment and meeting attendance requirements:

- Attend at least 6 hours of project instruction* (eg. 6 – one-hour meetings)
- Complete Annual Project form (APR)
- Re-enrolling 4-H members must be enrolled in 4-H by December 1.
- New 4-H members must be enrolled in 4-H by February 1.
- **ALL Members MUST be enrolled in the project by February 1 to exhibit at any fair for the current calendar year.** (Ex. Enrolled by Feb. 1, 2023 to show at Madera Fair 2023)

***Project Leaders may require more hours, but the minimum is 6 hours of project instruction. We recommend our project leaders spread the learning experience over several meetings to allow youth time to reflect upon what they have learned, allow time to practice the skills they have learned, come back with questions for their leader, and reflect upon their learning experiences before engaging in the next step(s). We HIGHLY recommend that project leaders' use the opportunity to develop more in-depth learning experiences (aka, project meetings) since 6 hours is the minimum required. However, we recognize that there are some learning experiences that can be completed in a 6-hour time frame.**

INCENTIVES AND RECOGNITION

The California 4-H Incentives and Recognition program governs the many ways awards may be earned. Additional programs may be offered and are governed at the county level.

Awards may be earned by members participating in many different Madera County 4-H events such as Achievement Night, Horse Expo, Small Animal Expo, Large Animal Expo, County Presentation Day, Favorite Foods, and Fashion Revue.

REQUIREMENTS TO COMPETE IN COUNTY RECORD BOOK PROJECT COMPETITION

County Project Award-

For member's record books to be judged at the county level they must have received a gold seal at the club level. Books submitted for county level judging are eligible to participate in the state sanctioned county record book contest as well as the Madera County 4-H Project Competition Record Book contest.

Meet the following minimum project written record keeping requirements:

- Up-to-date Personal Development Form (PDR) or NEW Achievements forms
- Up-to-date Annual Project Form (APR)
- Seniors: Resume (See Record Book guidelines)
- Complete 6 hours minimum attendance at project meetings
- Member in good standing including compliance with the 4-H Code of Conduct

Meet the following enrollment and meeting attendance requirements:

- Attend at least 6 hours of project instruction* (eg. 6 – one hour meetings)
- **Minimum of 8 club meetings per year and member must attend 6 of those meetings to be in good standing for County Record Book Project Competition. (Clubs may have more than 8 club meetings.)**

*** Members who choose to participate in the Madera County 4-H Project Competition Record Book contest may include the other supplemental forms found on the county website, if project leader has required those documents or to enhance their project details.*

Per state record book rules only senior level members are eligible to submit their record books to the state contest. (And follow state guidelines for participation)

Going for a new Star Rank-

Must turn in a completed PDR along with APR.

NEW Achievement Awards Program-

Must turn in a completed SPARKS, Emerald Star I & II, or Impact Star Form along with APR.

Junior/Teen Leader Credit-

To receive credit for Junior or Teen leader must complete Junior/Teen Leader form with all signatures.

All members receiving a gold seal at club level have the opportunity to go to county record book PROJECT COMPETITION judging.