OREGON STATE FAIR ELIGIBILITY

1. 4-H members who attend the State Fair to participate in activities shall have been selected at the current County Fair or other selection program. Their entries must be approved by their County Extension Agent.

2. Exhibitors of exhibits that do not require attendance of the member at the Fair must be in 4th through 12th grades.

3. 4-H members who exhibit animals or enter contests which require attendance at the State Fair must be intermediates or seniors (7th through 12th grade).

4. Age classes for all contestants and exhibitors are based on the 4-H member’s grade in school during past year.
   - Juniors: 4th, 5th, 6th grades
   - Intermediates: 7th, 8th, 9th grades
   - Seniors: 10th, 11th, 12th grades

5. A member may enter 1 to 5 different contests, but only one class in any specific contest.

6. Exhibitors must own the animals they exhibit. (Exceptions: dog and horse; see lease requirements/rules for Douglas County.)

STATE FAIR EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

1. A 4-H exhibit must be the work of the 4-H member and completed as part of the current year’s project. Work done after county fair, but prior to October 1 and not previously exhibited, may be included in the next project year. All state exhibits (exhibits which do not require attendance at the fair) shall be of county blue award quality.

2. A 4-H member may enter only one exhibit per class number unless otherwise specified.

3. The same article may not be entered in more than one class.

4. The 4-H member must be enrolled in the project area in order to participate unless otherwise specified.

5. No article or animal may be entered in both 4-H and FFA (with exception of the horse project).

6. The 4-H project manuals shall be the guides for requirements not specified in this Fair Book.

7. The 4-H Division of the State Fair book shall be the guide for requirements not specified in this premium book.

8. 4-H exhibits at the Oregon State Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor. The 4-H Department of Oregon State University in cooperation with the Oregon State Fair accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. However, the 4-H Department and State Fair cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to the conditions imposed by large crowds, the arrangement of the building in which displays are housed and the great number of exhibits. 4-H’ers who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of the Fair.

9. Livestock exhibitors at State Fair participation must be selected through the county selection process and animals entered must be approved by the County Extension Agent. Exhibitors must receive a blue ribbon in animal class to show at State Fair. Exceptions include the horse State Fair exhibitor selection process and showmanship animals.

10. Senior and Intermediate 4-H members (grade 7-12) may show the same animal in both open and 4-H classes. Members must assume responsibility to meet all Open Show requirements. 4-H members (intermediates and seniors) will be allowed to show in 4-H approved Junior Livestock Shows at the State Fair. If there is conflict with show times, members will be required to show in the 4-H classes. All animals exhibited in 4-H, Open and Junior shows must be
housed in the 4-H Livestock area.

11. Members bringing dogs to the State Fair are required to have their dogs currently vaccinated for Rabies, DHL or DHLP and Parvo Virus. If a dog has a visible skin or physical problem, a certificate from a veterinarian is required indicating that the condition is not contagious or harmful to the dog during competition.

12. Horse participants in Dressage, see horse section in Fair Book.

13. All exhibits should be age appropriate and in good taste. Show management reserves the right to not display items that might be considered disrespectful or controversial.

Entries, Exhibit Tags, and Stall Cards

1. A standard 4-H exhibit tag shall be securely attached to each static exhibit, except wool fleeces, flowers, fiber arts, and clothing. There are special exhibit tags for wool and mohair fleeces, flowers, fiber arts, and clothing/sewing. We encourage the use of computer generated exhibit tags. These can be found on the State 4-H website: http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu Exhibit tags and cards are available at County Extension offices. All tags and cards must be filled out completely, except for addresses.

2. Horse stall cards, livestock stall cards and small animal cards will be available at the fair or they may be filled out at home and brought to the fair. Please do not fill in the address line. Include only name and county.

3. “For Sale” signs are not permitted.

4. All State Fair entries need to be done through the county 4-H office; members cannot register on their own.

5. It is the responsibility of the member to assure that the current year’s version of all required exhibit tags, project descriptions and/or labels are attached to the exhibit. Exhibits with out-of-date documents will be disqualified from state competition.

6. It is the responsibility of the member to assure that any specified size and/or weight restrictions are followed. Exhibits that do not meet the criteria will be disqualified from state competition.

Delivery and Removal of Static Exhibits

1. Static exhibits must be delivered and removed by a county representative (not individual parents, Leaders, or members.) Detailed delivery and pick up information is available in the State Fair Staff Guidebook.

2. Individuals should contact their county offices for county drop off and pick up deadlines.

3. Exhibits must remain on display through the close of the fair (Labor Day) unless a special exception is granted by the exhibit building staff.

4. All awards and score sheets are sent back to the county offices for distribution.

Exhibit Judging and Ribbons

1. The Merit Method of judging is used for all exhibits and contests. Entries will be placed in Blue, Red, and White award groups according to quality:
   - Blue – an exhibit that is excellent and meets the established standards for the class
   - Red – an exhibit that is good but has room for improvement
   - White – an exhibit that meets the requirements of the class but shows need for considerable improvement

2. Reserve Champion, Champion, and Medallions will be selected in each class only when the judge deems there are entries that meet those standards.
   - Reserve Champion – a superior exhibit that exceeds the top established standards
   - Champion – an outstanding exhibit that far exceeds the top established standards
Medallion – an exceptional exhibit that demonstrates excellence in all facets

3. If an exhibit does not meet the requirements of the class, it will receive a display only ribbon.
4. All 4-H judges are approved by the State 4-H Department, and the judges’ decisions are final.