

Clothing Contests

Elementary (grades 4-5)

1. Open to any 4-H member.
2. May enter one of the three categories: Apron
 Skirt
 Shorts and Pants
3. Contestants will be judged on construction and appearance. Garments need to be modeled with appropriate accessories.
4. First and second place winners in all divisions in each of these categories will receive an award of \$10 and \$5 respectively to be presented at the end-of-the-year recognition program.

Junior (grades 6-8)

1. Open to any 6th grade member. Seventh & 8th grade contestants must be enrolled in clothing.
2. Categories include:

Skirt and Blouse - any type skirt - no sleeves or collar required on blouse.
School Dress - may be a one piece dress or a jumper and blouse.
Sportswear - must make a complete outfit. Examples include: pants (or shorts) and blouse - pants (or skirt), blouse, and jacket - pantsuit - jumpsuit - culottes, etc.
3. Contestants will be judged on construction and appearance. Garments need to be modeled with appropriate accessories.
4. First and second place winners in all divisions in each of these categories will receive an award of \$10 and \$5 respectively to be presented at the end-of-the-year recognition program.

Senior (grades 9-12)

1. Contestants must be enrolled in Clothing.
2. Contestants may enter all of the following categories but not more than one outfit per category:

School or Casual Dress - includes one or two piece dresses suitable for school, sports activities or casual wear. It does not include floor length casual clothes, very dressy outfits or pants of any kind.
Pants Outfit - includes complete outfits such as pants suits, jumpsuit, short sets, tennis outfits, western clothes, swimwear (must include a cover-up suitable for school), sports or casual wear.
Creative Choice - Garments must comprise a complete outfit - any type or number

of pieces (but not more than can be worn at one time). Outfit must feature 5 or more construction techniques from the following list

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| a. Bound buttonholes | l. Special seam - flat felled, French, lingerie, etc. |
| b. Collar or other neckline treatment - other than plain, faced edge | m. Tailored collar |
| c. Creative stitchery - | n. Trim or decorative detail |
| d. Cuffs | o. Underlining |
| e. Design that must be matched | p. Use of unusual fabric |
| f. Gathers, ruffles, flounces | q. Waistband or waistline |
| g. Handmade accessory | r. Worked on 2 or more fabrics of different weights or textures |
| h. Lining | s. Yoke |
| i. Pleats or tucks | t. Zipper |
| j. Pockets | |
| k. Sleeves. | |
3. Construction score will be worth 40 points, and appearance score will be worth 60 points, for a total of 100 possible points.
 4. Garments need to be modeled with appropriate accessories.
 5. First place winners in each of the categories are eligible to compete at State 4-H University. First and second place individuals will also receive \$10 and \$5 respectively to be presented at the end-of-the-year recognition program.

Ready-to-Wear Judging

1. Open to any 4-H member.
2. Contestants will be required to select the best buy in clothing items and accessories and rank each item in order of best to worst according to the situation given. There will be 4 categories. Examples of possible categories include: jeans, socks, button down shirts, t shirts, gym clothes, etc.
3. Contestants will be looking for the following:
 1. Fiber content – Is it a natural fiber such as cotton, linen or wool or is it a blend or man-made fiber such as polyester, rayon, etc.?
 2. Care instructions – How is it cleaned - hand washed and hung to dry, washer and dryer, or dry cleaned?
 3. Cost of Garment – Does it fit the budget given in this situation? Is the cost per wearing too high?
 4. Construction of Garment – even or uneven stitching, hem, interfacing, seam stitching and finish, reinforced stitching on inner leg seams,
 5. Fabric – any defects?
4. Contestants will give written reasons for placings for at least 1 category to break ties.
5. First place winners in each of the categories are eligible to compete at State 4-H University. First and second place individuals will also receive \$10 and \$5 respectively to be presented at the end-of-the-year recognition program.

Consumer Decision Making

1. Open to any 4-H member.
2. Contestant will be required to select the best buy from four like items and rank each item in order of preference. Example: They will be given a scenario (story) on each class. Categories to choose from include: electronics, household items and appliances. (no clothing)
3. Contestants will be required to justify their reasons for placings as a tie breaker.
4. First and second place winners in all divisions will receive an award of \$10 and \$5 respectively to be presented at the end-of-the-year recognition program.
5. Senior winners may be eligible to compete at State 4-H University in Consumer Decision Making.

Photography Contest

1. Open to any 4-H club member.
2. Categories are:
 - People** - any age.
 - Animals** - can be of pets, farm animals, zoo animals, fish, etc.
 - Outdoor Shots** - can include buildings, landscapes, flowers, plants, gardens, water, butterflies, and other insects.
3. Mount your picture on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of notebook, construction or typing paper (one picture per sheet). Put your category on upper right hand corner and name, grade, and school on back of paper. Pictures should be regular snap shot size pictures. They can be color or black and white. Only one picture per category.
4. Scoring Factors are:

Composition - arrangement of subject, foreground, background and supporting subjects in a picture.	15 points
Sharpness - focus, depth of field, clearness.	10 points
Correct exposure - film speed, lens opening, lightness or darkness of picture, shutter speed.	5 points
Appealing Picture - attracts attention, interesting, good subject.	20 points
Total	50 points
5. First and second place winners in all divisions will receive an award of \$10 and \$5 respectively to be presented at the end-of-the-year recognition program.