

UTAH STATE 4-H CONTESTS
General Rules

CONTESTANTS:

1. To participate in State 4-H Contests, 4-H members must have just completed 9th - 12th grade.
2. 4-H'ers may participate in a **maximum of three (3) State 4-H Contests, when scheduling allows**. Please refer to the General Schedule or Time Block Schedule to know when a contest will be held. This does not include "activities" which may be available on a non-competitive basis. You may not sign up for other contests during the same time block if you are competing in the following: Consumer Bowl, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Livestock Judging, and Shooting Sports. You also may not sign up for other contests during the same time block if participating in one of the tracks.
3. All participants must be currently enrolled in their county 4-H program in the project area they are competing in.
4. Contest participants are to be selected through county or regional contest participation. It is strongly encouraged that all youth have participated in some preparatory contest (county/regional) prior to State Contests.
5. State Contest "winners" are not eligible to compete in the same contest category in the future. This includes both individual and team contest winners. For example, a contest winner in the rifle category of shooting sports would not be considered for an individual award in the rifle category again. However, this individual could compete in shotgun and/or as a member of a shooting sports team.

High score individuals competing in team contests will be recognized with a high score certificate, but are not considered contest winners. Therefore, they remain eligible to participate in the same contest in the future.
6. Contest winners are required to attend the awards program out of respect to donors and sponsors. **Failure to appear will result in loss of award.**
7. Each county is responsible for providing chaperones with selection based on the youth male/female ratio. A minimum of one chaperone is required for every 6-8 participants. Volunteer chaperones should come prepared to assist with State Contests. Counties are responsible for their own county delegation unless arrangements are made with other county chaperones. These arrangements are the responsibility of individual counties.
8. Participants are expected to remain on campus at all times, except when participating in State Contest events held off campus.

REGISTRATION:

9. All completed registrations and fees **MUST** be received by the State 4-H Office no later than July 1. Agents are encouraged to collect one-half the registration fees from the youth prior to submitting their registration. Substitution of participants is acceptable, but no refunds will be given after the July 1 deadline.
10. All requests for audio/visual equipment must be submitted by July 1 or a late fee will be charged.
11. A **Utah 4-H Code of Conduct / Photo Release Form and Medical History Form** for each youth participant must be submitted at check-in on campus. Agents should make a copy of the Medical History Form to accompany participants while traveling to and from contests, in the event of an emergency.

CONTEST INFORMATION:

12. Many contests have specific guidelines for competition. See individual contest guidelines for additional information. Some contests have scorecards and information booklets which may be obtained from the 4-H web site. Agents should make sure their youth have access to these specific guidelines.
13. Contests will be judged according to the contest guidelines.

AWARDS:

14. Contest winners are required to attend the awards program. **Failure to appear will result in loss of award.** Winners are encouraged to write thank you letters to sponsors.
15. All State Contest winners will receive an information packet with directions for collecting their award. **They are responsible to do so by August 1st of that year.**
16. Some State Contests have correlating national contests. Winners in those State Contests have won the right to represent Utah in the national contests. There is a National Competition for the following: 4-H and Impromptu Public Speaking, Consumer Bowl, FCS Demos, Fashion Consumer Strategies, Fashion Revue, Horse Bowl, Horse Demonstration, Horse Judging, Horse Public Speaking, Livestock Judging, and Quilting Demonstration. Those winners of trips to Denver may only compete in one category at that competition. Those registering for the event and then deciding not to go will be charged any non-refundable money. Vehicles may be available for transportation.

Special Note: No firearms for shooting sports competition may be kept in the dormitories. All shooting sports equipment must be locked in a chaperone's vehicle or provided trailer.