Awardrobe 2021

Dear Iowa State Fair 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event Participant:

Congratulations! You have been selected to represent your county in the 2021 Iowa State Fair 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event. What an outstanding achievement!

This year’s event will be **Thursday, August 12** at the **Youth Inn at the Iowa State Fair**. The event will last from 8 AM until 6:30 PM, but please see the schedule information for specifics on your arrival time. **You only need to attend during your assigned group time and return for the runway presentation and awards time.**

During the Iowa 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event you will have opportunities to attend an educational workshop and modeling practice, visit with a judge about your clothing goals and the outfit you constructed or selected, model your outfit in a public runway show at the Iowa State Fair, and meet 4-H members from across Iowa.

Please take time to carefully read all the information included in this letter. To prepare for this special opportunity, please complete the following checklist.

- Complete the remainder of your entry and return to your County Extension Office by the date provided by your County Extension 4-H staff. If you need copies of these documents they can be found at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/awardrobe-clothing-event](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/awardrobe-clothing-event). Your entry includes:
  - The 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event Report Form.
  - One to three full-length digital COLOR photo(s) of you wearing your outfit.
  - Receipts, if you are entering the $15 Challenge class.

All 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event participant forms and helpful information can be found at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/awardrobe-clothing-event](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/awardrobe-clothing-event).

Good luck! We hope the State 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event will be a fun and rewarding learning experience for you. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Dalager, bdalager@iastate.edu, at the state 4-H office in Ames.

Regards,

Bonnie Dalager  
Iowa 4-H Educational Resource Development Specialist  
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Schedule Groups
The tentative schedule is on our event website https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/awardrobe-clothing-event. You will receive email updates from our staff in advance of the event confirming your assigned time. If you are in group 2 or group 3, you do not need to arrive until the start time listed for your group.

8AM to 10:30AM Group 1 (return at 4:30PM for 5:30-6:30 Runway Show)
Counties included: Audubon, Boone, Carroll, Crawford, Dallas, Greene, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hardin, Humboldt, Jasper, Madison, Mahaska, Marion, Marshall, Polk, Poweshiek, Shelby, Story, Warren, Webster, and Wright

10AM to 12:30PM Group 2 (return at 4:30PM for 5:30-6:30 Runway Show)

1PM to 4:30PM Group 3 (stay at 4:30PM for 5:30-6:30 Runway Show)

Attendance Timeline
All participants must attend for the three-hour time period assigned to their county and stay or return to prepare for the runway show and awards ceremony. All participants must participate at the time scheduled unless they or their office contacts Bonnie Dalager bdalager@iastate.edu to request a change. Participants can be dropped off at the Youth Inn in time for their scheduled start time. Family and friends are invited to attend the runway show and awards ceremony. Due to limited space, youth should be prepared to get ready for the runway show without assistance.

Meals
Due to our rotating schedule we do not have a break for meals. Participants should eat before or after they participate in their group session for the day.

State Fair Tickets
You will need admission to the State Fair to attend the event or the runway show. Check with your county to see if they have a process in place for State Fair exhibitors. You may also purchase tickets online at http://www.iowastatefair.org/visit/buy-tickets/

What to Wear
You will need to wear your outfit for the judging session. Due to limited space available for changing, we recommend you wear your project outfit if you feel you can do so without damaging it getting to and from the event. There are two restroom spaces available to change and prep in.
Fair Entry Forms
Use the report form provided on the Awardrobe web page at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/awardrobe-clothing-event. The form provided for the state event aligns with the criteria that our Awardrobe Clothing Event judges are looking for. If you use a different form or format, you may not provide enough information to receive all of the points available to you.

Evaluation
Evaluation is based on the responses you provide in your 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event Report Form, the fit and appearance of your garment(s) while worn, and an 8-10 minute conference judging experience at the event. The evaluation form that will be used by the event judges can be found on the website. Becoming familiar with the judging criteria will help you know what to expect. Judges ask questions based on the evaluation form.

Participant Expectations
Participants will be accountable for their own personal behavior and belongings. Participants are also expected to fully engage in all State 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event activities and be a positive representation of the Iowa 4-H Youth Development program. We also ask our participants to please show their 4-H spirit and exemplary communication skills by sending thank you notes to Awardrobe Clothing Event supporters. Information will be provided to assist you in doing so.

Questions?
Our program staff will be at the State Fair on the Wednesday and Thursday of the event, and not at our campus offices. Please use email to contact the event staff with last-minute questions. The awardrobe coordinator is Bonnie Dalager, bdalager@iastate.edu.

Location Information
The Iowa 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event will be held at the Youth Inn on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. Information on the fairgrounds and fair parking can be found here: http://www.iowastatefair.org/visit/fairgrounds-map/