



Madison County Fair 4-H Exhibitor Eligibility

As the Madison County Fair Book states under 4-H & FFA General Rules & Regulations, to be eligible to exhibit at the Madison County Fair, 4-Hers must be an enrolled member in good standing. 4-H membership is defined as an enrolled youth program member receiving six or more “hours” of 4-H educational programming completed between September 1 of the current program year through the July static exhibit entry deadline*. These educational hours include a combination of club meetings, project workshops, camps, seminars, or other activities deemed 4-H educational activities by the Madison County Extension Office. For a breakdown of how members can fulfill this requirement, see below. The final decision regarding “good standing” is made by the Madison County Youth Coordinator.

THE FINAL 4-H ENROLLMENT AND PAYMENT DEADLINE IS APRIL 15 FOR ELIGIBILITY TO SHOW AT THE MADISON COUNTY FAIR. Enrollment opens Sept. 1. Dues increase in cost after Jan. 1.

1. Club meetings

Primary Club Meeting- 1 hour of 4-H educational programming per meeting

- **All members must attend a minimum of 3 club meetings to be eligible to show.** There is no limit to the number of club meetings you can use towards eligibility. Attendance is recorded by club secretary. Primary club is selected on 4-H Online.

2. Project Group Meetings

Dog Project- 1 hour of 4-H educational programming per meeting.

- All members showing dogs at the Madison County Fair must attend 3 dog project meetings (both FFA and 4-H) to meet Madison County’s safety requirement. Attendance is recorded by the project superintendent.

Horse Project- 1 hour of 4-H educational programming per meeting.

- All members showing horses at the Madison County Fair must attend 3 horse project meetings (both FFA and 4-H) to meet Madison County’s safety requirement. Attendance is recorded by the project superintendent.

Only up to three hours total of project meetings will count towards your requirement of six hours. I.e., If you show both dogs and horses, you will need to attend three club meetings, three dog project meetings, and three horse project group meetings.

*At the discretion of club leaders, activities in August can count towards eligibility at the upcoming fair if documented on club calendar submitted at the beginning of the program year. Ex. A farm tour scheduled for August 2020 can count towards the fair in July 2021 if it was on the club calendar turned in at the start of the 2019-2020 program year.

3. Community Service

Club Community Service- 1 hour per community service event if there is an educational component to the community services

- Example: If the club decided to hold a community service day at a food pantry, and while at the food pantry they took a tour of the facility and learned about hunger and the process of which the food pantry can help and then sorted food, participants would earn 1 hour.
- If you're doing roadside clean up, club food drive, or coat drive, etc. be sure to include an educational component.
- Club meetings and community service events taking place on the same day count as 2 educational hours if one takes place after the other.

4. Project Workshops

Workshops- 2 hours of 4-H educational programming per workshop

- Throughout the year, clubs, superintendents, leaders, Fair Board, and the Extension office may host project workshops in different project areas. Attendance should be recorded by a sign in sheet maintained by the workshop leader and turned in to the Extension Office.

5. Camps

Day Camps- 2 hours of 4-H educational programming per day camp

- If attending another county's camp the 4-Her should communicate with the Madison County Youth Coordinator to be sure attendance is recorded.

Multi-Day Camp- 1 hour of 4-H educational programming per day of camp

- Example: Taste of Camp is 3 days; the 4-Her receives 3 hours.
- Camp attendance recorded and kept by the County Youth Coordinator.
- Multiple day camps include but are not limited to Taste of Camp, Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, State 4-H Camps.

6. Independent Members

Mentor Meetings- 1 hour of 4-H educational programming per meeting with mentor. These serve in lieu of club meetings.

7. Petition option

- If a 4-Her needs more hours and plans to attend a camp or a multiple day conference and needs more than the 1 hour per day that is automatically given for each day, they have the choice to petition for the amount of hours needed. To do so, they must contact the County Youth Coordinator to petition then present a 5-10 minute presentation to the Youth and 4-H Committee.
- Petitions will be reviewed and decided by Youth and 4-H Committee and the County Youth Coordinator.

Did you enroll and pay dues by April 15?

No

Yes

Look for Open Class opportunities on Madison County Fair website and in the Fair Book.

Did you attend at least 3 club meetings?

No

Yes

No

Did you attend 3 more hours of educational programming?
(i.e. 3 additional club meetings, club community service opportunities, workshops, day camps, etc)

Will you show dogs or horses?

No

Yes

Did you attend at least 3 classes for EACH species you intend to show?

Yes

No

You're eligible to show as a 4-Her! *Pay attention to ID and entry deadlines for each project.*

You're not eligible to show dogs and/or horses, but... are you interested in showing a different kind of project?

Yes