



# National 4-H Competitive Event Eligibility Verification

National eligibility requirements were adopted by 4-H National Headquarters, effective January 1, 2002. These same requirements also apply to Kansas competitive 4-H events.

The eligibility requirements to enter either a National or Kansas 4-H Competitive Event are:

- a. Contestant must not have reached his or her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1 of the year in which the national 4-H Competitive Event is held.
- b. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which the National 4-H competitive event is held.
- c. The contestant(s) or teams(s) of contestants must be certified as the official state entry by the State 4-H Leader. The individual(s) or team(s) may be selected by any procedure the State 4-H Leader believes appropriate.
- d. The contestant, his or her county/district 4-H staff member, and the State 4-H Leader must certify as follows on the application form:

*“This contestant has not participated in post-secondary course work in the subject area of the National 4-H Competition, nor has he or she participated in training for post-secondary competition in the subject area of the National 4-H competition. (J.4, Kansas Department of 4-H Youth Development, Policy Guide, Revised April 2013, page 18)*

Violation of the above will result in forfeiture of any awards or recognition which have been won in the Kansas or National 4-H Competitive Event.

Kansas 4-H Contest Winners planning on competing at a national competition, must provide signature verification that they are not and will not be participating in any post-secondary course work in the subject area or training for post-secondary competition in the subject area of the national competition prior to that national competitive event. I understand and verify that I comply with each of the above stated eligibility requirements from the national competitive event for which I have qualified. If any course work or training might appear questionable, signature verification from the appropriate post-secondary Instructor/advisor/official may also be required.

Event I plan to participate in: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contestant Name: Print/Type                      Contestant Signature                      Date

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Parent/Guardian Name: Print/Type                      Parent/Guardian Signature                      Date

\*Parent/Guardian Signature if contestant has not turned 18 by the verification date.