4-H & Jr. Fair Membership Requirements

4-H membership is open to all boys and girls 8 years of age and in the 3rd grade as of Jan. 1 of the current year. **Any youth age 9 or above is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade level.** Eligibility ends Dec. 31 of the year in which the individual turns 19. 4-H Cloverbud membership is open to all boys and girls age 5 and in kindergarten until the child is age 8 and in the 3rd grade as of Jan. 1 of the current year. 4-H Cloverbud members are eligible for all 4-H Cloverbud activities. They are not eligible for out of county activities, competitive events, residential camps, and projects designed for older 4-H members.

Members and advisors must attend a minimum of **six 4-H meetings per club prior to July 1 of the current year to be counted as complete.** Members have the option to show/exhibit at the county fair. The 4-H club enrollment deadline is **March 15** of the current year. All online enrollment with signatures, forms, and fees must be completed and turned in by **March 15** to OSUE Extension (this includes Cloverbud members) to be a member for the 2026 season and participate in the Junior Fair. Check specific departments for additional forms required.

4-H members can enroll in any number of projects regardless of the number of years they have been a member. Advisor and parent input on the number of projects chosen by the member is suggested. Use the “Clinton County 4-H and Junior Fair Requirements” and the "Family Guide to 4-H" for a description of the learning experiences expected and suggested age for taking the project.

All Junior Fair Members must follow and abide by the rules and regulations set forth in this book.