

Fund Raising Guidelines

All club fundraisers must have agent approval **before** they are conducted.

Funds are to be raised only to further the educational goals of 4-H. Approval for fundraising activities will be at the discretion of the County 4-H Agent and County Extension Director, or the State 4-H Program Leader for district/statewide 4-H fund raising.

All funds raised, earned, or otherwise obtained, using the 4-H name and emblem, are property of the University of Florida/IFAS Extension 4-H Youth Development Program.

Any 4-H organization, at any level within the state, is accountable to the University of Florida and USDA, and is obligated to follow all policies, procedures and regulations established by the University of Florida/IFAS Extension 4-H Youth Development Program.

All 4-H program funds, including all 4-H Clubs with funds in excess of \$100, shall be held in the local County 4-H Association or authorized 501(c) (3) 4-H foundation.

An annual financial review is required of all 4-H unit accounts, including County 4-H Association and County 4-H Foundation accounts. All 4-H units are required to file an annual IRS 990-series tax return.

Extension/4-H faculty or staff are not permitted to be a signatory on any 4-H account.

Raffles, lotteries and games of chance, etc., are permitted at the discretion of the County 4-H Agent and County Extension Director (or the State 4-H Program Leader for district/statewide activities).

Crowdfunding

Individual 4-H youth, 4-H volunteers, 4-H clubs, and County 4-H Associations are permitted to conduct fundraising online by utilizing “crowdfunding” or “crowdsourcing” web sites if all money raised for 4-H purposes follows current 4-H policies and best practices, especially those pertaining to fundraising.