4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization. Over 230,000 members in the State of Florida help to make up the community of more than 6.5 million young people across America. 4-H is a non-formal, practical educational program for youth. Florida 4-H is the youth development program of Florida Cooperative Extension, a part of the University of Florida IFAS. 4-H is open to all youth, ages 5-18 and serves youth from all backgrounds and interests. It reaches youth through 4-H clubs, projects, individual and family learning, mentoring, camping, and school enrichment.

Joining 4-H is easy and is limited only by age. Members may be as young as 5 years old or as old as 18 (or until completion of high school, whichever comes first). A member's age is determined by how old he or she will be on Sept. 1, the start of the Sept. 1–Aug. 31 program year.

Additionally, any youth classified as an "exceptional student" by the State Board of Education – per Florida Statute 1003.01(3)(a) – is eligible to participate in 4-H until the age of 21 (the upper age limit for national 4-H) or completion of high school, whichever comes first.

**STEPS FOR YOUTH TO GET INVOLVED IN 4-H**

1. Check out our Club List to find a club that interests you, and contact club leaders to learn more.
2. When you’ve found a club that’s right for your family, follow the instructions to complete a Florida 4-H Youth Enrollment online at [4-H Online](https://v2.4honline.com/). Families without internet access may enroll at the UF/IFAS Extension Hillsborough County office or contact Extension to request paper enrollment forms.
3. Prepare for your first 4-H activity and plan to meet new friends, learn cool things and have fun!

**NEED HELP?**

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