

Requirements for Showing  
Livestock as a  
Sumter County 4-H Member

**The following requirements pertain to any youth planning to show ANY animal as a Sumter County 4-H Member.**

1. Have a current and complete Enrollment on file in Florida 4HOnline and have paid your \$20.00 4-H Membership Fee **by September 10, 2022.**
2. Exhibiting 4-H members must attend 75% of their local club meetings. (Example: If your club meets 9 times a year you must attend no less than 7 meetings. This means that you can only miss two meetings.)
3. The 4-H Agent will only sign books that are at least 95% complete:
  - a. **Record Books for Market Animals** (Steers, Swine, Lambs) are due the day of your fair exhibitor meeting. It is the **youth's** responsibility to obtain all signatures prior to the meeting.
  - b. **Record Books for Breeding Animals, Poultry, Rabbits, and Goats** are due in June\* to the 4-H Office. Must be fully completed and signed by the 4-H Agent.
  - c. **Record Books for Horses** are due in June\* to the 4-H Office. Must be fully completed and signed by the 4-H Agent. **The 4-H Agent will check record books PRIOR to the Area West Horse Show** – books need to be up to date with a story started and at least one picture.
4. 4-H members must participate in a minimum of **TWO** of the following activities prior to exhibition of their animal:
  - a. **Complete another project and turn in the accompanying project book.** If showing at the FL State Fair as a 4-H member, their record book will count.
  - b. Enter an exhibit in the **Family Living Youth Division** during the fair.
  - c. Participate in a competitive event at **County Events Day** (check the Sumter County 4-H Website for date.)
  - d. Participate in the **Premier Exhibitor Livestock Program**. Must attend workshop and/or field day, participate in the skill-a-thon and knowledge test, and turn in a poster.
  - e. Participate on a **Judging Team** **AND** attend 80% of scheduled practices.
  - f. Participate in a **project interview**. For market animal exhibitors, this will occur during the Sumter County Fair. For horse exhibitors, this will occur after Area West (May – June).
5. All Livestock Market record books and Horse record books are returned after the fair awards banquet or Area West Horse show for youth to fully complete. **These fully completed books are then due to the 4-H Office in June\*.**
6. All books must be COMPLETE (**with attached Checklist and 4-H Project Report**) and turned into the 4-H office in June\* in order to exhibit any livestock the following year. Books will be judged, and awards will be presented at the annual 4-H Awards Banquet.

**\*The record book turn-in dates vary year to year and will be posted in advance.**

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**NOTE: The Sumter County Fair requires first time exhibitors to participate in an ethics course provided by the Florida State Fair PRIOR to exhibition.**

**I have read the above rules and agree to follow the rules and guidelines set forth by Sumter County 4-H as requirements for showing an animal as a 4-H member. I understand that if I do not abide by these rules and guidelines, I will not be permitted to exhibit my project animal as a Sumter County 4-H member.**

- All Horse project documents are due BEFORE January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year.
- All Dairy or Horse Lease papers are due January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year.
- To participate in other fairs or shows as a 4-H member, you must have your entry form signed in advance by the 4-H agent to verify enrollment. These youth are also required to complete the above requirements.

**I will be showing the following animals as a Sumter County 4-H member (check  all that apply). I understand that a current 4-H record book will be required for each 4-H animal shown.**

- STEER     SWINE     DAIRY     BEEF     HORSE     SHEEP  
 GOATS     RABBITS     POULTRY     DOG     LAMB     OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Member Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

**Return to the 4-H Office by September 10, 2022.**

Drop in the 4-H Drop Box in the 4-H Bldg.

OR

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