

4-H Youth Development Program

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California 4-H Uniform Contest

Proposals due April 18, 2014, 9pm.

If you've always complained about the uniform, now is your chance to have a voice in changing it! In response to 4-H members' and volunteers' input and desire to explore options for a new uniform, the State 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee is facilitating the process to adopt a new uniform. It is important to all that the new uniform maintains 4-H tradition but is an updated, comfortable, and easy uniform for today's youth. The new uniform should make 4-Hers recognizable. The new uniform must continue to allow 4-Hers to exhibit their recognition pins and emblems. The uniform must meet the needs of certain projects. For instance, certain animal projects require boots, long pants, and/or long sleeves. Uniforms should also be affordable for all members.

The policy on 4-H attire will remain the same and states that, "There is no uniform requirement in the 4-H YDP and a uniform cannot be required for participation in any 4-H YDP sponsored activity, event, meeting or occasion. 4-H YDP staff will inform other sponsoring organizations that the 4-H YDP does not require uniforms."

4-H Uniform Contest Rules

1. Currently enrolled 4-H members may enter the contest.
2. Proposals are due by April 18, 2014, 9 pm.
3. Multiple entries from one member are allowed.
4. Submissions will be evaluated by an ad hoc sub committee appointed by the State 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory (I & R) Committee. This committee will be comprised of three youth members, one adult volunteer and one staff member. The ad hoc group will make recommendations to the I & R Committee who will then prepare multiple uniform options for voting by all registered members and adults.
5. You do not need to be present at State Field Day for your uniform idea to be selected.
6. The evaluation committee and the I & R Committee reserve the right to take features of one uniform submission and combine it with features from another submission.
7. Members will be recognized for their selected and winning contributions in the Updates Newsletter, on the State 4-H Website and through our social media networking platforms.

How to Enter

1. Submit your proposal electronically by 9 pm, April 18, 2014. A proposal must include a written description of the proposed uniform and may also include sketches and/or photos of the proposed uniform that can be uploaded onto the contest survey site. Submit your proposal here:
<http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=12195>
2. Submissions will be evaluated using the following criteria:
 - Affordability and Availability. Uniforms have to be affordable to all members. The uniform pieces must be generally available or easily produced.
 - Serviceability and Comfortableness. Uniforms need to be comfortable and functional for all 4-H activities, from showing livestock to giving presentations.

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- Adaptability. Uniforms should be adaptable for weather and project needs. For instance, there could be long and short sleeve options. There could be different options for younger members (e.g., green hat) and older members (e.g., no hat, but need something else that displays pins and emblems).
- Professional Appearance. Uniforms should be easily recognizable and easy to keep clean.
- Ability to Exhibit Recognition/Awards. Uniforms should allow for the display of pins, emblems, etc.
- Traditionalism. Uniforms should incorporate the 4-H colors and the 4-H emblem. The 4-H colors are white, to symbolize purity, and green, to represent growth. The 4-H emblem is the green clover with four white Hs.

Voting Process

1. Voting will begin at State Field Day, May 31, 2014 and will end on June 15, 2014 at 9 pm.
2. Photos or sketches of the uniform options will be displayed at State Field Day and also posted on the State 4-H Website on May 31, 2014.
3. Voting will be by survey in the 4-H Online Record Book (ORB). This will ensure that there is only one vote by registered youth member or adult volunteer.
4. At State Field Day, you can vote by going to the computer lab to log into your ORB page. It will be important for you to know your log-in and password to ORB. If you do not know this information, please follow the instructions on the ORB Login Help reference: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/121045.pdf>. If you still need assistance, contact your county UCCE office for support.
5. If you will not be attending State Field Day, you can still vote by log-in to your ORB page from any computer, until June 15 at 9 pm.
6. If you also take your ORB surveys in the computer lab, you will receive a \$10 gift card for completing your surveys that day. (All other ORB survey incentives still apply).

Questions regarding the contest can be directed to the State 4-H Office, ca4h@ucanr.edu.