

Project Completion - Project Exhibition

The guidelines for exhibition and completion of 4-H projects are given below. This text was taken from the Indiana 4-H Procedures and Policies Handbook.

Exhibition:

Exhibition of a 4-H project in local, county, or state exhibits/fairs is voluntary on the part of the exhibitor. The exhibition of 4-H projects provides 4-H members an opportunity to display their 4-H projects, enter into competition and participate in an educational/social environment with peers. With exhibition also comes the responsibility for abiding by all the terms and conditions pertaining to the respective 4-H project.

Completion:

The completion of a 4-H project must not be misinterpreted as exhibition of a project at a local, county or state fair. 4-H members are considered complete in their project work for that year when they have:

1. Completed an "official" 4-H member enrollment form prior to the established and published date for enrolling
2. Turned in a completed 4-H project record sheet prior to the established and published date
3. Had an officially recognized 4H leader/extension educator verify the existence of the completed project or activity

Though exhibiting in local, county, and state exhibits/fairs is not required for project completion, as it does not necessarily relate directly to content and skills learned in the development of the 4-H project, project exhibition is encouraged as a continuation of the educational experience.

Note:

In a statement from our federal partner in Washington, DC, the following statement appears: *"Anytime there are procedures for exclusion of individual from event which use the 4-H name there are potential challenges to enforcement of the exclusions. The challenges have a substantial potential to prevail and they frequently result in negative publicity for the organization. Therefore, before choosing a policy of exclusion it is wise to evaluate the exclusion being considered, to be sure there is an overwhelming educationally based need for the exclusion."*

The bottom line:

Extension employees and volunteers are obligated to eliminate (and should not create) any practices that limit, deprive, or tend to deprive any youth of opportunities for membership and/or participation in the Indiana 4-H program.