

EASTERN STATES 4-H HORSE JUNIOR LEADER

April 2024

Dear 4-H Horse Leaders & Members,

The Eastern States Exposition selection process is now a three-tiered process, which is explained below. Please look over this letter and the applications carefully. The dates for Eastern States Exposition 4-H Horse Show are September 19-22, 2024.

YOU MAY ATTEND ESE FOR AS MANY YEARS AS YOU ARE ELIGIBLE.

The First Tier of the selection will consist of an application and review of the applicant's record book at the county level. At the first tier, the home county of the applicant will evaluate their record book on a pass/fail basis. The application will also be looked over for completeness and correctness. If the applicant passes the county review (or the first tier), their record book will be returned to them, and their application will be sent onto the second tier.

The Second Tier is a state level selection, based on the applications. Multiple people will score the applications, and the scores will be averaged. Junior Leader candidates will be considered with a minimum score of 75%, and then the top four scoring applications will be qualified to advance in the Junior Leader selection process. Those who pass the second tier, as determined by their scores on their applications, will be asked to attend the third tier final selection meeting. This is the third and final tier of the process. The committee reserves the right to make final selections using a personal interview and/or a written test, if needed, at this final selection meeting. **Please prepare yourself for both.**

The Third Tier final selection meeting for Horse & Junior Leader Delegates to the Eastern States Exposition will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Middlesex County Extension Center in Haddam. We have given you the date of the final selection so you can hold it, but you will be notified if you need to attend. Your application and record book will have to pass the first two tiers to be asked to join us at the final selection meeting. **Attendance at this meeting will be mandatory, if you are invited to this meeting. There will be no exceptions** for first year delegates!!! For those selected, there will be one day orientation in August in Haddam. Date to be determined.

Junior Leader applicants must be a 4-H member for a minimum of 2 years and 13 to 19 years of age as of January 1, 2024. It is **strongly recommended that an applicant's maturity be considered.** If the applicant does not have good time management skills (i.e., being able to independently juggle Jr Leader duties, meals, show schedules, and personal needs, without parental guidance), then they should not apply. The program at the Big E will keep the Delegates very busy. They will participate in Horse Judging, General Knowledge Test & helping as a Junior Leader to the Connecticut Delegation and the Horse Show. Junior Leaders will also participate in the flag ceremony, march in the parade, monitor cleanliness and safety, and they may participate in Quiz Bowl & Showmanship (using a Delegate's horse). They are there to help a rider mount, hold the horse for the rider, and help the rider if they have forgotten anything back at the barn. Junior Leaders may NOT clean stalls, horses or tack. Helping to carry buckets is allowed. The Duties of a Junior Leader are an integral part of the Connecticut Delegation to ESE.

Any 4-Her who has a parent or guardian as a leader **must** have another leader or their local 4-H Educator fill out their recommendation. The successful applicant should be a well-prepared 4-Her who works well in a group. Our goal is for the Delegation to have a fun, positive learning experience and selection is the first step to insuring this.

If you have any questions regarding the applications or selection process, please contact Carol at 860-836-7746 or rbirdsey01@sent.net, or Emily at emily.alger@uconn.edu. Leave a message, and we will get back to you. We look forward to meeting you at the 2023 ESE Delegate Final Selection.

Dates to remember:

Tier 1 Applications Due	June 1, 2024 (postmarked by May 27, 2024)
Tier 3 Final Selection	June 9, 2024, 2 p.m.
August Orientation	TBD
ESE	Sept 19 –22, 2023

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**CONNECTICUT 4-H
EASTERN STATES SELECTION PROCESS
HORSE JUNIOR LEADER DELEGATE COVER SHEET**

To be filled out by Applicant and must accompany application.

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Zip _____

I wish to apply to be a Connecticut Delegate to Eastern States as a Junior Leader Delegate.

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Office use only

TIER 1
Due **June 1** at your County Office

<i>Date Arrived</i>	Office use only – please circle	
Record Book	Pass	Fail
Application	Signed	Complete

I recommend that this application be forwarded to Tier 2.

Educator

Date

TIER 2
APPLICATION SCORE _____

TIER 3
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TEST (if needed) SCORE _____

INTERVIEW (if needed) SCORE _____

TOTAL SCORE _____

ACCEPTED Yes No

If no, strengths of application

Ways to strengthen application for next time _____

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NEW ENGLAND 4-H HORSE ACTIVITY EASTERN STATES EXHIBITION JUNIOR LEADER APPLICATION

YOU MUST ATTEND THE ESE final selection/orientation meeting, which will be at the Middlesex County Extension Office on June 9, 2024. As this is part of the selection process, your attendance is **required** for selection. SEND or DROP OFF THIS APPLICATION & YOUR RECORD BOOK TO: ***YOUR HOME COUNTY 4-H OFFICE*** (MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 1, 2024 or postmarked by May 27, 2024). APPLICANT MUST BE AT LEAST 13 YEARS OF AGE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2024 AND A 4-H MEMBER FOR A MINIMUM OF 2 YEARS. ***A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM AN ADULT THAT YOU HAVE GROOMED FOR MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.***

LEADERS: PLEASE COMPLETE THE EVALUATION SECTION and SEND TO: ***YOUR HOME COUNTY 4-H OFFICE*** (MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 1, 2024 or postmarked by May 27, 2024).

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Name _____

Home Mailing Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Age _____ (1/1/2024) Birth Date _____ Grade _____ Gender _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

Parent/Guardian 1 Name _____ Cell Number _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Name _____ Cell Number _____

Email _____ Parent(s) Email _____

Emergency Contact Number at ESE _____ Name _____

Years as a 4-H Club Member _____ County _____

Dates(s) attended ESE as a Delegate or Junior Leader (if applicable) _____

ON THIS PAGE, PLEASE TAPE, PASTE OR SCAN A CLEAR 5" x 7" HEAD SHOT PHOTO OF YOU OR OF YOU AND YOUR HORSE TOGETHER. THIS PHOTO WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO YOU. PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE.

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Describe the experience that you have had with horses (horse ownership, helped with a friend's horse, riding lessons, worked at a stable, etc.) *Applicant must enclose a letter of recommendation from an adult the applicant has "groomed" for (a one-day horse show is sufficient).* **PLEASE ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NEEDED.**

HORSE PROJECT

1. List the years and activities you have participated in the 4-H Horse Project on the county, state or regional level.

Year	Level	Activity Description

2. List any awards you have won in a 4-H county or state horse contest.

Year	Activity	Award

3. List the years in which you have participated in county or state speaking or demonstration contests and any awards received.

4. List any demonstrations, public speeches or exhibits you have done in relation to your 4-H Horse Project. Please list each with date presented.

5. What have you learned from your 4-H Horse Project?

6. List any demonstrations, public speeches or exhibits you did in relation to your 4-H Horse Project.

7. What horse events or shows have you attended, as a rider, groom or a spectator, in the last 2 years?

8. List your leadership participation in your 4-H Horse Project. Be specific - what programs did you organize? How did you help new members?

9. What did you do to help your club or community in this project?

OTHER PROJECTS

1. List all other 4-H projects in which you are actively involved.

2. List any awards you have received in these project areas.

3. List all other county or state activities/events you have attended in the last two years. Please note your participation level (i.e., planning committee, participant, etc.) and the dates of the event.

Activity Name	Activity Date	Participation Level	Virtual or Live

Use additional paper as needed.

GENERAL

How does your 4-H involvement affect your life? Write a few paragraphs to describe your 4-H experience.
PLEASE ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NEEDED

I understand that the June 9th meeting is part of the selection process, and my attendance is needed to complete that process. ONE OR MORE PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS MUST ALSO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

Applicant's Signature Date

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature Date

GIVE THIS FORM TO YOUR 4-H LEADER FOR COMPLETION OF THIS SECTION.

LEADER EVALUATION

Please evaluate this delegate on leadership ability, cooperation, independence, **maturity**, horsemanship and ability to successfully complete requirements of the ESE activities* (general knowledge test, quiz bowl, judging contest, etc.) and past experience.

***Thoroughly discuss the strengths and weaknesses of this applicant.** If the applicant does not have good time management skills (i.e., being able to independently juggle Jr. Leaders duties, meals, show schedules, and personal needs, without parental guidance), then they should not apply.

Applicants do not see this evaluation. Please use additional paper as needed.

AFTER COMPLETING THIS PAGE, SEND TO: *the Applicant's HOME COUNTY 4-H OFFICE.*
MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 1, 2024 or postmarked by May 27, 2024.

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

Leader's Signature

Date

Printed Signature

Date

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