

2008 TEXAS 4-H CLOTHING AND TEXTILES PACKET

2008 TEXAS 4-H FASHION SHOW GUIDELINES

Senior 4-H members, Volunteers and Agents

4-H Fashion Show at the county level is an optional activity open to all 4-H members who have completed a clothing project. Participation at the state level is the Texas 4-H Fashion Show for senior 4-H members who have competed and won in district Fashion Show competition. Each district may send one contestant from each of the four categories (casual, dressy, formal and specialty) in each division (construction and buying) of the Fashion Show. 4-H'ers who are eligible for the state level may also be eligible to compete in the Texas Natural Fiber Competition. (See Texas 4-H Fashion Show Texas Natural Fiber Competition objectives and eligibility requirements.)

The purpose of the following requirements is to provide as fair an opportunity as possible for participation by as many outstanding 4-H members as possible. The requirements given below apply to senior members who plan to participate in the state contest. Failure to comply with the requirements will result in disqualification or penalty deductions from the final score.

Objectives:

To recognize 4-H members who have excelled in clothing projects and exhibit skills in the following:

- Application of knowledge of fibers and fabrics to wardrobe selection.
- Clothing construction or comparison shopping.
- Fashion interpretation and understanding of style.
- Good grooming and poise in front of others.
- Modeling and presentation of themselves and their garments.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. A 4-H member must have passed their 14th birthday but not their 19th birthday on August 31, 2007 to be eligible for 2008 Texas 4-H Roundup.
2. Participants must complete a 4-H Clothing project between June 15, 2007 and the district contest. All garments/ensembles to be judged must have been purchased,(renting a garment is not permitted in buying division), or constructed (construction division) during participation in a 4-H clothing project between June 15, 2007 and the district contest.
3. The Fashion Show has two divisions (buying and construction) with four categories within each division (casual, dressy, formal, and specialty). The 4-H member must choose a division and category at the county level and compete in that division at all levels. Appropriate garment category should be determined by the style, fabric, and use of the garment. No one may change divisions or category between district and state contests.
 - a. Category Descriptions:
 - i. **Casual**, for school and casual after school activities, such as spectator sports, picnics, and casual dates. Examples are pants, jeans, skirt, or shorts each with a top, jumpsuit, casual or sporty dresses, skirt or pants with casual/sporty jacket, school coat, and coordinated separates.
 - ii. **Dressy**, for ensembles worn to dressy activities such as dinner dates, theater, banquets, and job/scholarship interviews. Examples are men's and women's suits, dressy dresses, and dressy coats.
 - iii. **Formal**, limited to garments worn for formal evening events and formal weddings. This category includes tuxedos, formal gowns, wedding dresses and bridesmaids dresses. Garments in this category should not be suitable for ordinary daily activities.
 - iv. **Specialty**, limited to athletic and special purpose garments. Examples are band, pep squad, and cheerleader uniforms; athletic garments such as jogging suits, swim suits, leotards, and ski-wear; sleep

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wear; and theatrical and circus-type costumes such as clown suits and ballet costumes. Garments in this category should not be suitable for ordinary daily activities.

b. Divisions:

i. Construction

1. Garments may be constructed by sewing, knitting, or crocheting using new or recycled materials. Accessories may be purchased.
2. All garments worn (garments that are visible—ie: blouse under jumper) during the interview process must be constructed.

ii. Buying

1. In the Buying division, comparison shopping may include department stores, boutiques or specialty stores, mail order catalogs, outlet stores, and professional seamstresses. Three different sources must be used, not three sections of a single store.
 2. During comparison shopping, if it is determined that paying a professional seamstress (at normal retail cost) to construct the ensemble is the best choice for purchasing a garment, list the cost of fabrics, patterns, notions, and other supplies and payment to the seamstress as the cost of the garment. Enter the appropriate information in the column headed "Garment/Ensemble Selected" on the Buying Division Worksheet.
 3. All garments worn (garments that are visible—ie: blouse under jumper) during the interview process must be included in the buying worksheet.
4. Once a contestant has won first place at the state contest in one division (buying or construction), he/she is no longer eligible to compete in that division.

Thank You Notes

Participants must be present for all Texas 4-H Fashion Show activities, including orientation, judging, dress rehearsal, and Fashion Show. Excluding 4-H Scholars, there will be no exceptions to this requirement. Participants must bring to orientation STAMPED AND ADDRESSED THANK YOU NOTES for the fashion show donors.

Failure to comply with this requirement will result in point deductions or disqualification of the participant.

The Fashion Show will be conducted as part of the Roundup Assembly on Wednesday Evening.

Fashion Show Entry Forms

All entry materials need to be mailed directly to Mrs. Angela McCorkle, Extension Assistant, Family Development Resource Management, Texas Cooperative Extension, 2251 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2251. Entries must be received by Monday, May 5, 2008.

The forms listed below are required for participation in the 2008 Texas 4-H Fashion Show state contest. There are additional requirements for participation in the Texas Natural Fiber Competition. (See Texas 4-H Fashion Show Texas Natural Fiber Competition).

Necessary Forms

2008 4-H Fashion Show Information Sheet (include 1 photo no larger than 4" x 6") (format pdf)

2008 4-H Fashion Show Division Worksheet (Construction or Buying)

- Construction Division Worksheet

- Buying Division Worksheet

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Judging Criteria

The contestant's information sheet, division worksheet, modeling, and interview will be used to evaluate knowledge and skills in the following:

- Quality of project activities and written materials: 25%
- Knowledge of fiber and fabric characteristics, uses, and care: 30%
- Ability to evaluate garment quality and apply knowledge: 30%
- Appearance, fit, and fashionability: 15%

A panel of judges will evaluate and score the entries. Presentations will not be permitted during the interview judging. Each garment category will be judged separately. A panel of judges will evaluate the information sheet and division worksheet for each contestant. Participants will be interviewed by a panel of judges. 4-H participants will model their garment during the contestant judging. A participant may receive a penalty of 5 or more points deduction for not following all Fashion Show requirements. This would include not completing all forms or illegible or incorrect forms, orientation participation and donor thank you notes.

If ties should occur, the ties shall be broken using partial scores in the following order:

1. Ability to evaluate garment quality and apply knowledge subtotal score.
2. Knowledge of fiber and fabric characteristics, uses, care subtotal score.
3. Appearance, fit, and fashionability subtotal score.
4. Garment meets the competition eligibility requirements.
5. Garment is well made.
6. Garment style makes good use of the fiber and fabric characteristics.
7. Modeling, poise, and grooming.
8. Garment and accessories fashionable and appropriate.
9. Fit appropriate for the body.

Judges scores will be totaled by a tabulation committee.