

BEGINNER'S GUIDE, PART 7

TO TEXAS 4-H RECORD BOOKS



REVIEW

2023 - 2024

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Handwriting

Handwriting any part of the Record Book is acceptable. When doing so, make sure to write legibly.

Grammar and Punctuation

For all age divisions, members are encouraged to write using proper grammar and punctuation within the 4-H Story & Photo Portfolio.

The Report Forms may be presented in a table or chart form.

Text Margins

- Top, bottom and right margins must be between 1/2 and 1 inch.
- The left margin must be 1 1/2 inches to allow for hole punching and binding.

Font

Color or black fonts are acceptable. Use a minimum of a 10-point font (equivalent in size to 10-point Arial).



FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES

Paper Type

Typing paper and bond weight paper are acceptable. Do not paste typing paper onto construction paper. Do not use sheet protectors or dividers.

Creativity

This is encouraged, and can include the use of backgrounds, decorative elements, construction paper cutouts, etc. throughout the 4-H Story & Photo Portfolio. Creativity varies from person to person and can also come in the form or style of writing.



Check with local contest officials to determine if the recordbook will be submitted ONLINE or must be PRINTED.

CATEGORIES

GET IN THE RIGHT CATEGORY

CHECK THE PROJECT LIST

TEXAS 4-H PROJECT LIST				
AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK	FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH	NATURAL RESOURCES	LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP	SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATH
Beef Cattle	Consumer Education	Aquatic Science	Citizenship	Energy
Dairy Cattle	Fashion & Interior Design	Entomology	Community Service	Photography/Videography
Dog Care & Training	Foods & Nutrition	Forestry	Global Education & Awareness	Robotics
Goats (Dairy & Mohair)	Health & Personal Safety	Outdoor Education & Living Skills	Leadership	Rocketry
Goats (Meat)		Range Science	Public Speaking	Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)
Horse		Shooting Sports	Theater & Performance Arts	
Horticulture		Sportfishing	Workforce Preparation	
Junior Master Gardener		Water Conservation & Education	Youth Entrepreneurship	
Livestock Judging		Wildlife & Fisheries		
Meat Science				
Poultry (Chickens & Turkeys)				
Rabbits				
Sheep				
Soil & Crop Science				
Swine				
Veterinary Science				

Competitive Recordbook Categories

1. Agricultural Sciences
2. Beef
3. Citizenship & Civic Education
4. Dog Care & Training
5. Consumer Education
6. Entomology
7. Fashion & Interior Design
8. Food & Nutrition
9. Gardening & Horticulture
10. Goat
11. Health and Personal Safety
12. Horse
13. Leadership
14. Natural Resources
15. Photography
16. Plant & Soil Science
17. Poultry
18. Public Speaking
19. Rabbit
20. Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM)
21. Sheep
22. Shooting Sports
23. Swine
24. Theatre & Performance Arts
25. Veterinary

As you compile the components of your Recordbook, take time to review official score sheet. It is important to include all the required sections for optimal scoring.

- 4-H Story and Photo Portfolio - 30 pts
- Section 1: 4-H Project Experiences - 20 pts
- Section 2: 4-H Leadership - 15 pts
- Section 3: 4-H Community Service - 15 pts
- Section 4: Other 4-H Projects - 5 pts
- Section 5: 4-H Recognition/Awards - 5 pts
- Section 6: Non 4-H Activities - 5 pts
- Section 7: College/Career Exploration - 5 pts

Prior to competition deadlines attend recordbook workshops and have other family, friends, and the County Extension Agent review your book.