

BEGINNER'S GUIDE, PART 7

TO TEXAS 4-H RECORD BOOKS



REVIEW

2024 - 2025

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

2024-2025				
AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK	FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH	LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP	NATURAL RESOURCES	SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATH
Beef Cattle Dairy Cattle *Dog Care & Training Goats (Dairy & Mohair) Goats (Meat) Horse *Gardening and Horticulture Meat Science Poultry *Rabbits Sheep Agronomy Swine Veterinary Science	Consumer Education *Fashion & Interior Design *Food & Nutrition *Health & Personal Safety Personal Finance Education	Career Readiness Citizenship Community Service Entrepreneurship Global Citizenship Leadership Public Speaking Theater & Performance Arts	Aquatic Science Entomology Forestry Outdoor Living Skills Range Science Shooting Sports *Sportfishing Wildlife & Fisheries	*Computer Science Energy *Photography *Robotics Rocketry Videography STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math)
All projects on this list are available for 4-H members (grades 3-12, ages 8-18). Only projects with an asterisk are Clover Kid eligible projects (grades k-2, ages 5-7).				
SELF DIRECTED PROJECTS: Individualized areas of interest where members can explore				
 				

Competitive Recordbook Categories

1. Animal Agriculture
2. Beef
3. Citizenship, Civic Education & Community Service
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. Poultry
17. Public Speaking
18. Rabbit
19. Range Science and Agronomy
20. Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM)
21. Sheep
22. Shooting Sports
23. Swine
24. Visual & Performance Arts
25. Veterinary Science

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.