

Requirements

Must be an active member of FFA, Pony Club, or 4-H must be C1 or above. May also be an active member in more than one affiliation.

Mandatory Items:

- ◆ Participate in a horse-related public speaking activity.
- ◆ Participate in a community service project.
- ◆ Keep a record book on an animal.
- ◆ Participate in a leadership activity.
- ◆ Promote safety within the horse industry.
- ◆ Explore career options in the horse industry.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES: To qualify, complete 3/5

Horse Events:

◆ GENERAL OPPORTUNITIES

Attend horse camp
Participate in/audit/volunteer at a clinic
Participate in/volunteer at a horse show

◆ Pony Club Opportunities

*Attend Pony Club Camp.
Attend Upper Level Pony Club Camp.
Teach at a local camp.
*Volunteer at a horse event.

◆ FFA Opportunities

Develop an SAE in a horse related field
Participate in FFA Horse Judging
Enroll in a horse management class at your Ag center

Local Participation:

◆ GENERAL OPPORTUNITIES

Educate firefighter on how to handle horses/ barn layout.
Help out at a horse rescue center.
Collect donations for a horse rescue center.
Promote safety in your community.

◆ 4-H Opportunities

Submit for judging at least one project at your county 4-H fair.
Submit for judging a second project at your county 4-H fair.
Sell ads or sponsors for the 4-H fair.
Collect donations for the 4-H fair.
Submit a project for judging at another 4-H fair.

Class/Club Activities:

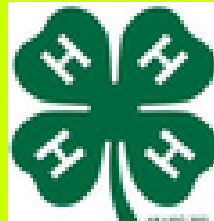
General Opportunities

Attend
Give a demonstration
Participate in/organize a community service activity
Organize an activity
Organize a learning activity for the meeting
Attend a club activity
Participate in fundraising
Pass a horse knowledge exam
Make a snack
Present a talk, demonstration or speech for your club
Submit an article about your club's activities to a media source

4-H Opportunities

Teach another 4-H member a 4-H skill
Be directly responsible for having a new member join 4-H
Make a poster, exhibit, or any other promotional article (s) for 4-H
Organize a Hippology or quiz bowl study session and team
Host a Hippology or quiz bowl study session and team

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Youth Equestrian of Excellence Program



Youth should complete the 6 mandatory items and 3/5 of the other opportunities to qualify. First time recipients do not have to go outside their organization but to qualify in future years at least one of the 3 non-mandatory items must be outside of your current membership. If you are in two or three of the other organizations you can include any organization's qualifying activities

Local Participation:

◆ Pony Club Opportunities

Conduct a Rating at the Club level.
Participate in a fundraiser for the club or region.
*Attend a mounted meeting.
*Attend an unmounted meeting.

◆ FFA Opportunities

Enroll in a horse management or animal science class at school
Plan a horse related event for your chapter (horse show, clinic, etc.)

Participate in an Agri-Science Open House at your school
Develop a fundraising effort for your chapter

Record Keeping:

◆ GENERAL OPPORTUNITIES

Maintain a record book on an animal

◆ Pony Club Opportunities

Complete a record Book to C-1 Standard or above.

◆ FFA Opportunities

Complete an SAE Proficiency.
Complete an Ag Experience Tracker.



ATTEND A COUNTY, STATEWIDE, REGIONAL OR NATIONAL HORSE EVENT:

◆ GENERAL OPPORTUNITIES

***Participate in the UConn Cornucopia Fest, visiting the horse related activities.**

*Participate in the Fall Festival at the 4-H Education Center at Auer Farm.

*Attend the Riding Camp Safety Horsemanship Clinic

*Attend the CT Horse Symposium

*Attend a CT Horse Council Meeting

*Attend a horse related planning and zoning meeting.

*Attend Equine Affaire

*Participate in a horse related clinic (audit or active)

◆ 4-H Opportunities

State 4-H Horse Public Speaking Contest
State 4-H Horse Individual Presentation Contest (senior 4-Hers only)

Put Your Mind To

ATTEND A COUNTY, STATEWIDE, REGIONAL OR NATIONAL HORSE EVENT:

◆ 4-H Opportunities continued:

State 4-H Horse Team Presentation Contest

State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest

State 4-H Hippology Contest

State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

*Horsin' in Stride Workshop Day

*Giddy Up Games

New England 4-H Horse Contests

New England 4-H Horse Show at Eastern States Exposition

Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup

Help with set up or clean up for a county level 4-H horse event.

Participate in Connecticut 4-H Expressive Arts Day with a horse related theme.

Participate in 4-H Public Presentation Finals with a horse related theme.

Participate in a 4-H Fashion Revue as an equestrian.

Participate in a Connecticut 4-H Photography and Art Contests with a horse related theme.

Participate in the 4-H Talent Show with a horse related theme.

Participate in the 4-H Textile Arts Contest with a horse related theme.

Attend a CT State 4-H Horse Advisory Meeting

◆ Pony Club Opportunities

Attend a Rally at the regional level.

*Volunteer at a Rally.

Attend the Pony Club Regional Rally Championships in any discipline.

Compete in a Pony Club Quiz Rally.

Participate in a USPC National Contest – T-shirt, foxhunting essay, etc.

◆ FFA Opportunities

*Chapter FFA Horse Shows

FFA State Horse Judging CDE at UCONN

FFA Regional Horse Judging CDE at UCONN

FFA National Horse Judging CDE at National FFA Convention

*Weekend Education Program for Dressage4Kids

*Equine Affaire



LEADERSHIP SKILLS:

GENERAL OPPORTUNITIES

Be an elected club officer

Mentor a novice club member

Participate in an approved safety program (First Aid, CPR, fire safety, lifeguard training, etc.)

◆ 4-H Opportunities

Attend State 4-H Citizenship Day

Attend Citizenship Washington Focus

Attend **National 4-H Conference**

Attend **National 4-H Congress**

Collect a donation for a 4-H auction

Sell ads/sponsors for a 4-H fair

Collect a donation for the 4-H fair.

Recruit a new member

Be able to recite from memory the 4-H pledge

◆ Pony Club Opportunities

Attend the National or Regional Youth Board

Recite the Pony Club pledge.

*Participate in one or more land stewardship events.

Participate as a visiting instructor.

*Teach at a mounted meeting.

*Conduct an activity at Quiz Sleepover.

Pass a Rating in the current year.

Present at the Regional DC Meeting.

Recruit a new member.

◆ FFA Opportunities

Be able to recite from memory the FFA creed

Become a chapter officer

Become a committee chairperson in your chapter

Be a member of a chapter committee

Compete in Parliamentary Procedure CDE

Compete in Prepared or Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE

Participate in chapter open house for new students or elementary students

Attend State FFA Convention

Attend National FFA Convention

Attend Junior Leadership Conference

Attend Advanced Leadership Conference

Compete in any FFA CDE at the state level

Earn your Greenhand degree

Earn your Chapter FFA degree

Earn your State FFA degree

Earn your American FFA degree

