

Contest Payment Guidelines

1. County Contests will have no cost for participation for Hood County 4-H members.
2. District Contests
 - a. Contests that are hosted by District 8 4-H will be covered by Hood County 4-H via reimbursement after participation in the event.
 - b. Registration will be covered for one event per project per 4-H member, up to \$50.
 - i. Example: A participant in the Food & Nutrition Project may participate in both District 8 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge, but Hood County 4-H will only cover registration for one of the two contests. Any additional contests will be at the expense of the 4-H member.
 - ii. Educational Presentations at District 8 Roundup will be classified under the public speaking project.
 - c. If a 4-H member registers for an event but does not participate, no reimbursement will be allowed.
3. State Contests
 - a. Contests hosted by Texas 4-H will be covered by Hood County 4-H via reimbursement after participation in the event.
 - b. Registration will be covered for one event per project per 4-H member, up to \$50, with the exception of Texas 4-H Roundup.
 - i. Ex: A participant in the Shooting Sports Project may participate in the Postal Leagues, Shooting Sports Extravaganza, Indoor Archery Match and State Games, but Hood County 4-H will only cover registration for one contest. The 4-H member is encouraged to participate in more than one contest, but will be responsible for registration costs for additional contests.
 - c. Texas 4-H Roundup's cost per 4-H member will fluctuate yearly depending on hotel, food, activity prices, and funding availability. Hood County 4-H will cover a portion of the cost of attendance for this event.
 - i. In order to utilize Hood County 4-H's subsidized cost of attendance, the 4-H member must be an active member in good standing.
 - ii. Active Member will be defined as a member who has participated in at least one contest that is hosted by Hood County 4-H, District 8 4-H or Texas 4-H in the current 4-H year prior to the registration deadline for Texas 4-H Roundup. This excludes county and major livestock shows.
 - iii. A Hood County 4-H member attending Texas 4-H Roundup with the subsidized cost will be required to attend the event in its entirety, travel with the county and participate in one competitive event, workshop, official event per day.
 - iv. If a Hood County 4-H member chooses to attend Texas 4-H Roundup and does not meet these criteria, the individual is responsible for all costs associated with attendance.

- v. Should a Hood County 4-H member qualify for a Texas 4-H Roundup contest and choose to travel to the event on their own, Hood County 4-H will pay the registration fee for the day that the member is competing.

4. Non- 4-H Sanctioned Contests

- a. Any registration fees for contests not hosted by Hood County 4-H, District 8 4-H or Texas 4-H will not be covered by Hood County 4-H, with the exception of the Major Livestock Show Team Contest guideline.

5. Major Livestock Show Team Contest

- a. An individual 4-H member participating in a Major Livestock Show Team contest will be responsible for only that individual's portion of the team registration.
 - i. Ex. If the registration fee for a Livestock Judging team is \$40 for 4 members, the individual will pay \$10 regardless of if the team is full.
- b. Registration Costs for Individual Contests at Major Livestock Shows are the responsibility of the individual.

6. SURGE

- a. Hood County 4-H will supplement the cost of registration in the amount of 1/3 of the registration price or up to \$100. Registration cost will vary annually.

7. Hood County 4-H hosted summer camps and activities

- a. These summer opportunities will be provided at a discounted cost for Hood County 4-H members, when possible.
- b. Registration costs will be set annually and vary per activity.

8. National Contests & Events

- a. Hood County 4-H will not cover expenses for National 4-H contests & events.
- b. Hood County 4-H can provide non-monetary support for an individual's or team's fundraising efforts.
- c. If a Hood County 4-H member is attending a National Contest or Event, the Hood County 4-H account should be utilized as a holding account for funds raised by a Hood County 4-H member.

9. Transportation & Lodging

- a. Transportation & lodging for contests requiring travel will be at the expense of the 4-H member.
- b. Transportation to contests and events may be provided with notice of at least 7 days but should not be assumed.
- c. Exceptions to this rule include SURGE and Texas 4-H Roundup where transportation and lodging is included in the cost of attendance.

10. Registration

- a. A 4-H member will be responsible for their registration through 4-H Online, or other official processes.
- b. Registration reminders will be provided, when possible, but not guaranteed.
- c. Any late registration fees incurred will be the responsibility of the 4-H member.

11. Reimbursements

- a. Reimbursements will be provided on a quarterly basis. Time frame is subject to change due to delayed release of contest results.
- b. All subsidizing registrations and reimbursements are subject to the availability of funds. The Hood County 4-H member will be notified prior to the approval of registration should funds not be available.
- c. In order to receive reimbursement, the Hood County 4-H member must submit for the reimbursement using the “Contest Payment Reimbursement” Form

Texas 4-H Project Area Breakdown

Project-Associated Contest

Project Area: Agriculture & Livestock

- Beef Cattle- Livestock Judging, Livestock Quizbowl, Skillathon
- Dairy Cattle- Dairy Judging
- Dog Care & Training- Dog Show
- Goats- Livestock Judging, Livestock Quizbowl, Mohair Judging and Evaluation, Skillathon
- Horse- Horse Show, Horse Judging, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology
- Horticulture- Landscape Challenge
- Meat Science- Meat Judging
- Poultry- Poultry Judging
- Rabbits- Rabbit Extravaganza
- Sheep- Livestock Judging, Livestock Quizbowl, Skillathon, Wool Judging
- Swine- Livestock Judging, Quiz Bowl, Skillathon
- Veterinary Science- Veterinary Science Skillathon

Project Area: Family & Community Health

- Consumer Education- Consumer Decision Making, FCH Quiz Bowl
- Fashion & Interior Design- Duds to Dazzle, FCH Quiz Bowl, Fashion Show, Natural Fiber Contest, Storyboard
- Food & Nutrition- Ag Product ID, FCH Quizbowl, Food Challenge, Food Show, Healthy Lifestyles
- Health & Personal Safety

Project Area: Leadership & Citizenship

- Workforce & Career Prep
- Citizenship
- Community Service
- Global Citizenship
- Leadership- Leaders 4 Life
- Public Speaking- Educational Presentation, Public Speaking, Science Fair
- Theater & Performance Arts- 4-H Talent Showcase
- Youth Entrepreneurship

Project Area: Natural Resources

- Aquatic Science- Natural Resources Photography Contest
- Entomology- Natural Resources Photography Contest
- Forestry- Natural Resources Photography Contest
- Outdoor Education & Living Skills- Outdoor Challenge, Natural Resources Photography Contest
- Range Science- Natural Resources Photography Contest, Range and Pasture Grass Identification, Range Evaluation, Soil Judging
- Shooting Sports- Postal Leagues, Extravaganza, Indoor Archery Match, Natural Resources Photography Contest, State Games. Rifle Match
- Sportfishing- Natural Resources Photography Contest, Outdoor Challenge, Wildlife Challenge
- Water- Natural Resources Photography Contest
- Wildlife & Fisheries- Natural Resources Photography Contest, Wildlife Challenge, Wildlife Habitat Education

Project Area: STEM

- Computer Science
- Energy
- Photography & Video- Photography Contest, Photography Judging, Natural Resources Photography Contest
- Robotics
- Rocketry & Aerospace
- STEM- Science Fair