

DISTRICT 12 4-H AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Attachment 1

Fashion Show

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Age Eligibility and Entry Categories

Age categories to enter the Storyboard Com are determined by age as of August 31, 2011.

2012 4-H Fashion Show			
Age		Category	Division
Junior	8 – 10 years	Casual Dressy Formal Specialty	Buying
			Construction
Intermediate	11- 13 years	Casual Dressy Formal Specialty	Buying
			Construction
Senior	14 years and over	Casual Dressy Formal Specialty	Buying
			Construction

Participation

Each county can have a maximum of **8 participants in the 3 age groups, (4 in Buying and 4 in the Construction)**. The only entry forms that are acceptable are those found on the District 12 4-H website for the 4-H clothing program. DO NOT reformat any of the documents or adjust spacing.

Junior and Intermediate participants are not required to bring the completed worksheets with them to the District Fashion Show; however, county agents must verify locally that they have completed their forms. Seniors must submit appropriate paperwork (Entry form and worksheets) to the district office by the registration deadline.

The 4-H member must choose a division and category at the county level and compete in that division at all levels. Senior Participants Only: The entry worn at district must be the entry at the state contest.

FASHION SHOW

Category

Description

- Casual** For school and casual after-school activities, such as spectator sports, picnics, and casual dates. Examples are pants, jeans, skirts, or shorts each with a top; jumpsuit, casual or sporty dress, skirt or pants with casual/sporty jacket, school coat, and coordinated separates.
- 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.

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.

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 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.

Buying Division

Each county can have a maximum of **4 Senior participants** in the Buying Division. Every participant in the Buying Division should fill out the Buying Division Worksheet. All garments worn that are visible (i.e., blouse under a jumper) must be included in the buying worksheet.

Senior participants must purchase a garment which fits into one of the State Fashion Show garment categories, which are: **Casual, Dressy, Formal, or Specialty**. Senior forms will be pre-judged.

Pre-Judging of Senior Forms - Counties must submit the original copy of their Senior participant's 2012 Texas 4-H Fashion Show Information Sheet (with photo) along with the buying division worksheet to the District office by the deadline of **March 29, 2012**. These will be judged prior to the District Fashion Show. Seniors should put their best effort into these forms since they account for 25 points towards the final tabulated score. All Entry forms and Worksheets will be returned to appropriate counties after the District Fashion Show to allow State qualifying 4-H'ers plenty of time to review the judges' comments and refine their forms in preparation for State 4-H Fashion Show.

Each county can have a maximum of **4 Junior and 4 Intermediate participating** in Buying Division. NO forms are required to be submitted to district office.

Construction Division

Each county can have a maximum of **4 Senior participants** in the Construction Division. Every participant in the Construction Division should fill out the Construction Division Worksheet. All garments worn that are visible (i.e., blouse under jumper) must be constructed. Accessories may be purchased.

Senior participants will be required to submit the Entry form and Worksheet, to the district office by registration deadline for pre-judging. Seniors must construct a garment which fits into one of the State Fashion Show garment categories, which are: **Casual, Dressy, Formal or Specialty**. Senior forms will be pre-judged.

Pre-Judging of Senior Forms - Counties must submit the original copy of their Senior participant's 2012 Texas 4-H Fashion Show Entry form (with photo) along with the Construction Division Worksheet to the District office by the deadline of March 29, 2012. These will be judged prior to the District Fashion Show. Seniors should put their best effort into these forms since they account for 25 points towards the final tabulated score. All Entry forms and Worksheets will be returned to appropriate counties after the

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Fashion Show Judging

Judging Tips and Interview Questions (Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors)

Judging Tips: Being a fair, objective, and effective judge is hard work. Each participant will be interviewed by a panel of judges. We appreciate your willingness to give your time and expertise to judge the accomplishments of the young people entered in the District 12 4-H Fashion Show. Here are some tips to help you judge the contest.

1. Know the purpose of the Fashion Show and the requirements for the division you are to judge. You should receive information about this ahead of the day you are to judge and/or at an orientation session just prior to judging.
2. Know the current fashion trends for children and teens.
3. Compare participant's appearance/accomplishments to score sheet, not to other 4-H'ers.
4. Score positively. Give credit for work done rather than looking for faults that can reduce the score.
5. Write both strengths and weaknesses in the comments area. Be specific. These comments are used to give guidance to the 4-H member in future projects.
6. Initial your score sheet in the lower right corner. This allows us to return the card to you when we are tabulating if you have overlooked recording a score or in case of a tie.
7. You will note that the questions to be asked are on the score sheet. Please ask each participant every question, so do not spend too much time on one question. Limit individual interviews to 5 - 6 minutes. You should not spend more than **10 minutes** on any participant, including interview, scoring, and comments.

JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE Judging Information

Judges will ask only those questions listed on the score sheet. Participants should be able to answer them effectively.

JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE Sample Interview Questions

Buying Division

1. How many years have you studied shopping skills in your clothing project?
2. Where will you wear this outfit?

3. What did you consider the most important thing to look for when doing your comparison shopping?
4. How does this garment coordinate with your existing wardrobe?
5. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your garment?

Construction Division

1. How many years have you been sewing?
2. Why did you select this style of garment?
3. What was the most difficult part in making your outfit?
4. How does this garment coordinate with your existing wardrobe?
5. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your?

SENIORS Judging Information

Each participant will be interviewed by a panel of judges. Participants may be asked questions about anything related to clothing and textiles or the competition requirements that the judges wish to ask. The participants must be sure to know the eligibility requirements for the division and category they have entered, be able to answer questions about their clothing project and worksheet, and understand the characteristics of the fiber and fabric used in their garment. The sample questions below are only examples to help the participants prepare for their interview. The judges are not instructed to ask these exact questions and may ask the participant questions that are not on this list.

SENIOR Sample Interview Questions

1. What is the fiber content of your garment? Tell me two qualities of each fiber.
2. Are the fibers used in your garment natural or man-made? What are their generic names?
3. What is the name of the fabric used in your garment? Why is this fabric a good choice for your garment?
4. What type of weave or knit is your fabric?
5. What are the care requirements for your garment? Will the care increase the overall cost of the garment?
6. Why did you place your garment in this category?
7. What did you consider when selecting your accessories?
8. Why did you consider when selecting your accessories?
9. Why were these considerations important to you?
10. How have you shared your skills and knowledge learned with other?

Buying Division Sample Interview Questions

1. When shopping for garments, what did you consider?
2. In your comparison shopping, what did you consider the most important thing to look for?
3. What construction techniques in your garment were important?

Construction Division Sample Interview Questions

1. When shopping for fabrics, patterns and notions, what did you consider?
2. How did you decide which sewing methods to use for seams, hems, and so on?

Seniors ONLY - Natural Fiber Competition

Seniors who have completed a clothing project with an emphasis on natural fiber have the option of entering the Natural Fiber Contest in one of the following categories: Cotton or Wool/Mohair. Should the natural fiber eligibility requirements be met, interested Seniors must select the contest upon registering online in order to be included for judging at the District Fashion Show. The Natural Fiber Entry Form and Worksheet must be turned in to the District by the Deadline of March 29, 2012 for pre-judging. The interview will be conducted at the completion of category judging.