

## **4-H Natural Fiber Contest**

### **Cotton and Wool/Mohair/Alpaca**

#### **Overview**

The **4-H Fashion Show** The 4-H Fashion Show is designed to recognize 4-H members who have completed a Fashion & Interior Design project. The following objectives are taught in the Fashion & Interior Design project:

- knowledge of fibers and fabrics
- wardrobe selection
- clothing construction
- comparison shopping
- fashion interpretation
- understanding of style and good grooming
- poise in front of others
- presentation skills

#### **Purpose**

The 4-H Natural Fiber Contest provides an opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit the skills learned related to Cotton and Wool/Mohair/Alpaca. It also recognizes 4-H members who do outstanding work in their Fashion and Interior Design project that includes the study of cotton or wool and mohair.

#### **Natural Fiber Contest**

4-H members who have placed first in the **district** Natural Fiber Contest (SENIOR ONLY COMPETITION) may enter the Natural Fiber Contest as part of the District 12 4-H Fashion Sensation. District winners in the Fashion Show category in buying or construction division are no longer able to compete in the Natural Fiber Contest, unless they **enter & win** the **district** Natural Fiber Contest. If a participant is a district Fashion Show buying or construction winner and a district Natural Fiber winner, they may compete in both contests at state.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

The requirements given below apply to Senior members who plan to participate in the district contest. Failure to comply with the requirements will result in disqualification or penalty deductions from the final score.

1. Youth may participate in the 4-H year from September 1<sup>st</sup> of grade nine through August 31<sup>st</sup> following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions.
  - a. Maximum age – 18 (as of August 31, 2022)
  - b. Seniors: Grade 9, 10, 11 and 12
2. Participants must complete a 4-H clothing project between June 2022, and the district contest deadline, March 21, 2023. All garments/ensembles to be judged must have been purchased (renting a garment is not permitted) or constructed during participation in a 4-H clothing project between June 2022 and the district contest entry deadline.
3. The Natural Fiber Contest has two categories: cotton and wool/mohair/alpaca. Entry in the Natural Fiber Contest does not have to be the same entry as the Fashion Show Buying or Construction entry. The 4-H member must choose a category at the county level and compete in that category at all levels. The entry worn at the district contest must be the one worn at the county and state contest. Accessories such as shoes, jewelry, hat, gloves, and scarfs may be changed, but changes must be included on the paperwork. The appropriate garment category should be determined by the style,

fabric, and use of the garment. No one may change divisions or categories between district and state contests.

4. The garment selected can be constructed or purchased. A complete outfit, except for a blouse or shirt under the garment, is made of the eligible fashion fabric. Examples include jacket and pants made of wool, but shirt or blouse does not need to be made of wool; a full-length coat made of eligible fashion fabric worn over a garment of any fiber content. Lining fabric, interfacing fabric, and trims are not required to meet the fiber content requirements.
5. Once a contestant has won first place at the state contest in one category (cotton or wool/mohair/alpaca), he/she is no longer eligible to compete in that category.
6. Garments need to meet the specific requirements of either Wool/Mohair/Alpaca or Cotton. See the table below for specific requirements.
7. If the Fashion Show Natural Fiber Entry Form does not show that the entry meets the eligibility requirements, the entry will be disqualified.

Cotton	Wool/Mohair/Alpaca
Each garment entered must contain a minimum of 60% cotton. Knowledge of fiber characteristics, production, and end use is required.	Each garment entered must contain a minimum of: - 60% wool and 40% other fiber - 60% mohair and 40% other fiber - 60% blend of the two fibers and 40 % other fiber - 100% wool/mohair blend is also acceptable

### **Interview Procedure**

#### **1. Introduction/Presentation**

Each contestant will start by introducing themselves and model their garment to the judges. Participants will then provide a 5-minute presentation to the judges. During the presentation the participants need to promote their natural fiber to the judges. See score sheet to see that areas that will be judged.

#### **2. Question and Answer**

Judges will have the opportunity to ask each participant questions from the list of contest questions as well as questions related directly to the participants garment or presentation.

### **Judging Criteria**

Fashion Show Natural Fiber judging is based on the 2023 Fashion Show Natural Fiber Score Sheet. A panel of judges will evaluate and score the entries based on their Fashion Show paperwork and interviews. Each garment category will be judged separately. A participant receives a 5-point deduction for not following all Fashion Show requirements, which includes not completing all forms or illegible or incorrect forms, missing orientation, and not turning in donor thank-you notes. If ties should occur, the ties will be broken using partial scores in the following order.

3. Promotion of Natural Fiber sub-total score.
4. Knowledge of fiber characteristics and uses sub-total score.
5. Interview sub-total score.

## 2023 Texas 4-H Fashion Show Natural Fiber Score Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Fiber Category: ☐ Cotton ☐ Wool/Mohair/Alpaca

Factors to Consider	Total Value	Comments	Actual Score
<b>Paperwork (15%)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completeness of paperwork</li> <li>Paperwork shows application of skills learned in the project.</li> </ul>	15		
<b>Knowledge of fiber characteristics and uses (35%)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifies fiber characteristics that are important in apparel</li> <li>Garment makes good use of fiber characteristics</li> <li>Knowledge of fiber, fabric, and garment care requirements</li> <li>Garment meets competition eligibility requirements</li> </ul>	35		
<b>Promotion of Natural Fiber (35%)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding of fiber source and production process</li> <li>Involved in promotion of natural fiber to the public</li> <li>Promotion presentation</li> </ul>	35		
<b>Interview (15%)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses positive vocal qualities</li> <li>Answers questions correctly, with confidence</li> <li>Possesses good verbal communication skills</li> </ul>	15		
<b>Total Score</b>	<b>100</b>		
		<b>Judge's Initials</b>	



## 2023 Texas 4-H Fashion Show Natural Fiber Entry Form

**Category:**    ☐ Cotton    ☐ Wool/Mohair/Alpaca

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of years in clothing project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**County:** \_\_\_\_\_ **District:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

Insert a high-quality front and back view head-to-toe photo of participant in the competition garment in the space below. Photo/Photos should not exceed the space below.

**Front**

**Back**

**Insert commentary for Fashion Show Natural Fiber. Minimum of 50 words and maximum of 75 words. This commentary should be different from buying or construction, if competing in both.**

**Identify fiber content of each item in your outfit**

Name of clothing item	Fiber content

**Tell about the characteristics of the natural fibers in your outfit.****Describe the care requirements of these garments.****Describe the fiber to fabric production process.****Describe how you have promoted the use of natural fibers.**