



DECEMBER

Monthly Newsletter

DEADLINES AT A GLANCE

- **DEC 1:** Texas 4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest (Opens)
- **DEC 1:** Horse Judging Registration (Deadline)
- **DEC 1:** Meat Judging Registration (Deadline)
- **DEC 1:** FASFA Opens
- **DEC 3:** Texas 4-H Giving TWO's Day Campaign (Deadline)
- **DEC 7:** District 12 Archery Match @ Benavides, TX
- **DEC 8:** Hidalgo County Invitational Shotgun Match (Deadline)
- **DEC 12:** Register for Egg to Chick Training (Deadline)
- **DEC 15:** Texas 4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest (Deadline)
- **DEC 15:** Hidalgo County Invitational Shotgun Match
- **DEC 15:** Tractor Supply Campaign (Ends)
- **DEC 16:** Egg to Chick Training via TEAMS
- **DEC 17:** District 10 Shooting Coaches Cert (Deadline)
- **DEC 19:** District 12 Storyboard Registration Opens
- **DEC 20:** IRS 990 Club Form (Due)
- **DEC 20:** District 12 Postal League Release Letter
- **DEC 20:** Club Chartering on 4-H Online (Deadline)
- **DEC 24-JAN 1:** District 12 Office Closed
- **DEC 31:** Texas 4-H Foundation Grant Application (Deadline)
- **JAN 3:** District 12 Photography Release Letter



DISTRICT 12 STORYBOARD INFO

District 12 Storyboard info has been released! Check out this virtual competition!

[RIGHT HERE](#)

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»»» TEXAS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE: FEB 15, 2025 @ 11:59 PM

Overview: The Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships are awarded each year to applicants based on their academic record, 4-H experience, and financial need (for scholarships for which it is a required criterion). The Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program is conducted by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation. Over 200 academically competitive scholarships will be awarded in the 2025 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program ranging in amounts from \$1,000 to \$30,000. No scholarship recipient whose award is based on this application process will receive less than \$1,000. The Texas 4-H Foundation seeks to ensure that each recipient receives the highest dollar amount of scholarship for which that recipient is eligible. For the majority of the total scholarships and scholarship funds available, participation in a livestock show is not a requirement for consideration.

New this year:

- A CEA Verification Form will require a CEA signature. The form will need to be signed/uploaded before submitting.
- There will also be a \$30,000 dollar scholarship for the top rank interviewers and applicants.
- NEW! District 12 will be using a google form to assist with the 4-H portion of the scholarship! If you know of someone that needs assistance please have them reach out! Deadline to reach out is January 15, 2025!

Important Dates & Deadlines:

- November 1, 2024 - Application Opens
- December 1, 2024 - FASFA Opens
- January 31, 2025 - FASFA Deadline
- February 15, 2025 - DEADLINE to Apply
 - Online portal will close at 11:59 PM
- April 25-27, 2025 - Interviews (College Station)
- May 2025 - Award Notifications
- June 4-5, 2025 - Scholarship Banquet in College Station at Texas 4-H Round-Up

Apply on the Texas 4-H Foundation Website: [HERE](#)

»»» DISTRICT 12 STORYBOARD

District 12 has released their information on the 2025 District 12 4-H Storyboard! The design theme is a "Greener Future." Registration is open December 19, 2024 through January 8, 2025 on 4-H Online with judging being conducted January 10!

Last year we only had 10 total entries between all 6 categories and 3 age divisions! Our goal is to increase the number of entries we have this year! Check out more information on the [District 12 4-H Website](#).

>>> **DISTRICT 12 CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT**

WHAT CURRICULUM TRAINING DO YOU NEED?

District 12 is offering youth curriculum trainings to enhance your professional development and offer new opportunities to implement within your County!

Please fill out this link [HERE](#) to help the District staff to coordinate and implement new curriculum trainings that YOU need! This professional development is to help YOU!

>>> **TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION GRANTS**

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN DUE DECEMBER 31

Texas 4-H Foundation Grant Applications are now open! The purpose of this grant program is to provide funding to County and District 4-H Programming. These funds may be used to enhance (equipment purchases, education/training, events, etc.) existing 4-H programs and projects or to start new 4-H programs or projects.

Important Reminders:

- The deadline to apply is December 31st at midnight!
- You must submit an application through the Foundation portal.
- The application will ask for a description of how the funds will be used, what problem the funds will be used to address, about your intended audience, for a budget, and how you will evaluate the program.
- You will be notified of the grant in February 2025.

>>> **NATURAL RESOURCES PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

REGISTRATION: DEC 1 - DEC 15, 2024

We are excited to announce the continuation of the state-level Natural Resource Photography Contest! It is open to junior, intermediate, and senior members, and categories are focused solely on the Natural Resource project areas.

Here are a few key points:

- Open contest to all counties.
- Open to juniors, intermediates, and seniors age divisions.
- 10 Natural Resource themed categories ([Review HERE](#))
- Entry period: Dec 1 - 15, 2024 VIA 4-H Online and Submittable
- No late entries accepted
- Questions: Contact Larry Hysmith



IRS FILING - 990 FORM

DUE DECEMBER 20, 2024

August 31st ended the fiscal year for all 4-H clubs and groups in Texas that are under the Texas 4-H, Inc. umbrella. With the end of the fiscal year, comes the requirement for ALL Texas 4-H, Inc. clubs and groups to file their annual information return (Form 990-N, 990 or 990-EZ).

Any club or group that does not have a successful filing by the December date could potentially be in jeopardy of having their EIN revoked by the IRS. Filing a club or group annual information return is accomplished by each club or group manager and treasurer working with County Extension Agents to complete and file an IRS Form 990.

Form 990 is the form used by tax-exempt organizations to provide the IRS with the information required on an annual basis. There are several Form 990s that a 4-H club/group can file, depending on their financial status. The Form 990 options are:

- Form 990N (e-postcard): Gross receipts \$50,000 or less.
- Form 990EZ: Gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year.
- Form 990: Gross receipts exceeding \$200,000 at the end of the year.

HOW TO FILE

To electronically submit Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, use the Form 990-N Electronic Filing System (e-Postcard).

- Form 990-N must be completed and filed electronically. There is no paper form.
- Form 990-N filers may choose to file a complete Form 990 or Form 990-EZ instead.
- Use the Form 990-N Electronic Filing System (e-Postcard) User Guide while registering and filing.
- Organizations should continue efforts to file, even if late.

WHO MUST FILE

ALL 4-H clubs with an EIN must file (whether they have money or not) to retain their 501(c)3 status. Most small tax-exempt organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less can satisfy their annual reporting requirement by electronically submitting Form 990-N if they choose not to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ instead.

RESOURCES

- YouTube Video that takes you step-by-step through the tax filing process for 4-H clubs/groups can be accessed at: [HERE](#)
- IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System User Guide – Attached, and available at: [HERE](#)
- IRS website for Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations – Form 990-N (e-Postcard) and the IRS Filing Website: [HERE](#)



SOUTHERN CLASSIC PROSPECT SHOW

NOVEMBER 22, 2025 - DIMMIT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

District 12 4-H is announcing the District 12 Southern Classic Prospect Show! The prospect show will be open to 4-H and FFA members 3rd through 12th grade!

We will be hosting a clinic in the morning for cattle, lambs, goats, and hogs with a prospect show to follow lunch!

Rabbits and Poultry will have clinics in the morning (no prospect show)!



DISTRICT 12 PHOTOGRAPHY

NEW! RULES AND GUIDELINES RELEASED!

District 12 4-H has updated the rules and guidelines to the District 12 Photography Contest! Please review the information [HERE](#) as many contestants will start taking their pictures NOW!

We have added 3 NEW categories to reflect the State Photography Contest! This will allow a total of 19 categories per age division to be entered into the contest!

UPCOMING

- **Jan 3: District 12 Photography Release Letter**
- **Jan 8: District 12 Storyboard Registration Deadline**
- **Jan 10: District 12 Storyboard Virtual Contest**
- **Jan 10: Trap, Skeet, and Whizbang Release Letter**
- **Jan 20: District 12 Postal League Registration Opens**