

# JUNIOR EXHIBITOR DEFINITIONS

## LOCAL DIVISION

All limited to El Dorado County residents or youth and teens enrolled in an El Dorado County School, K through 12, or non-El Dorado County residents that are bona fide members of a county 4-H Club/FFA or Grange

The Junior Department is for young people who want to enter exhibits at fairs. There are a number of organizations that encourage competition among members of the organization. The Fair offers this opportunity by establishing divisions and classes for groups such as FFA and 4-H Clubs and Grange. The Fair will also provide opportunity for young people to exhibit who are not members of an organization by either offering separate classes or allowing them to compete in direct competition with organization members. Junior Livestock Exhibitor will not be allowed to stay on the Fairgrounds without adult chaperons.

## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA)

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) is a national organization of students enrolled in high school vocational agriculture classes. The local unit is the chapter in each high school offering vocational agriculture, under the supervision of the agriculture teacher who is always the local chapter advisor. Every Future Farmer project in Livestock, Poultry, Fruit or Crops is a part of the practical education of the vocational agriculture student who owns it. The program includes the improvement of agriculture, leading ultimately to the ownership of the farms and the development of good rural citizenship. Participation in fairs and livestock shows is recognized as having educational value as well as providing stimulation for better results and finer projects, under supervision of the qualified chapter advisor and with the cooperation of the fair management.

## 4-H ACTIVITIES

4-H youth programs are non-formal voluntary educational programs under the supervision of the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of California and the United States Department of Agriculture. They are a part of extension teaching. The projects exhibited at fairs by members of their groups are the result of their efforts under the supervision of volunteer adults.

Project Leader and Club Organizational Leader must have each signed the fair entry form to assure that 4-H youth are qualified in all respects to show at the fair.

**4-H youth** must be the owner of animals they exhibit. A Bill of Sale and Brand Inspection paper for cattle to verify ownership are required with entry form.

**All exhibitors of market animals must have their animals tagged with an El Dorado County Fair numbered ear tag. Ear tags must be obtained at the fair office**

**FFA Members:** May participate in classes when they enroll in high school vocational agriculture classes and may exhibit as members through the end of the calendar year following graduation.

**4-H Club Members:** May enroll when they enter kindergarten and can exhibit as a member until the end of the calendar year in which the member becomes age 19.

**PRIMARY MEMBERS:** Must be 5 years old as of December 31 of the previous year of fair. Primary members are not eligible to compete in divisions and classes at the El Dorado County Fair.

**JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR:** Must be 9 years old as of December 31 of the previous year of fair.

## Independent Junior Exhibitors

Must be at least 9 years of age, and must not be older than 19 years of age on January 1.

Exhibitors not affiliated, with any project, with any organization, may enter appropriate classes if they meet the age criteria.

Independent Exhibitors must own all exhibits entered 60 days (120 days for market beef and horse) prior to the opening day of the fair (See State Rule VII-18). If, during the preparation of an exhibit, an Independent Junior Exhibitor terminates membership in a recognized junior organization, the Exhibitor may not show the same type of exhibit within 60 days (120 days market beef or horse) of the terminated membership.

Independent Junior Exhibitors entering animals must provide Fair Management with a picture of their animal with an El Dorado County Fair numbered ear tag and tattoo information (if applicable) (excludes horse) appropriate proof of ownership 120 days prior to the fair for beef and horse, 60 days prior to the fair for all other large market animals and 30 days for all breeding, feeder and small market animals.

Independent Junior Exhibitors must provide record keeping at check in. At least a Project Management Report and proof of supervision.

## Affidavit for Independent Junior Exhibitor

The following described affidavit must be completed and filed with the fair by Independent Junior Exhibitors when submitting entry forms.

### AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned states that:

1. The livestock entry(s) entered above were under the Exhibitor's sole ownership, care and management for at least 60 days prior to the opening date of the fair (120 days for beef & horse, 30 days for breeding or small market). Further, that the exhibitor has not been a member of a junior division organization within the last 60 days (120 days for beef or horse) prior to the opening date of the fair.
2. That the undersigned has read and has full understanding of the rules and regulations governing the El Dorado County Fair and the California State Rules for the Network of California Fairs and agrees to be governed by them.

Exhibitor's Name (*Please Print*) ↓

Exhibitor Signature ↓

Parent's Name (*Please Print*) ↓

Parent/Guardian Signature ↓

**NOTE: SIGNED AFFIDAVIT MUST BE FILED WHEN SUBMITTING ENTRY FORMS.**