

INTERVIEW JUDGING RULES

1. 4-H General and Family and Consumer Education projects will be interview judged Wednesday, July 29, including garden and field crops and dog obedience records. Junior Division field crop and garden exhibits will be shown Sunday, August 3. Projects must be exhibited at the Morgan County Fair to receive premiums. Exhibitor must participate in interview judging to be eligible for Champion. All exhibits must have been completed during the current 4-H year.
2. Each member may enter only one unit in a project except for the following: Foods and Nutrition and Food Preservation units; Artistic Clothing units; Heritage Arts units; and Leathercraft, Units 3-10. If a member is enrolled in more than one unit of a project than those listed above, the exhibit should come from the most advanced unit.
3. All exhibits will be placed using the Danish system. The standards for the Danish System are:

Blue Award: Meets or exceeds project standards and exhibit requirements; overall work is high quality.
Red Award: Meets project standards and exhibit requirements marginally; overall work is average quality.
White Award: Serious or considerable deficiencies meeting project standards and/or not meeting all exhibit requirements.
4. **BEST RECORDS** — At interview judging, ribbons will be given to the member with the best records in each project unit, if deemed worthy. Clubs must have 50% of their regular membership enrolled in Family and Consumer and/or General 4-H projects to be eligible for the Best Records Club Award. An eligible club having the highest percentage of members with best records from all projects eligible for interview judging will receive the Club Award. In event of a tie, the club with the most best records will be the winner.
5. Champion and/or Reserve Champion may be awarded in each unit to a blue ribbon exhibit showing exceptional merit. Exhibits receiving Champion are eligible for State Fair competition except county-only projects. Eligible exhibits must be picked up during exhibit release, August 6, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., and returned to the Extension Office by 4 p.m. Monday, August 17 if the 4-H member wishes to exhibit at State Fair.
6. Grand Champions may be awarded in each department from the Unit Champion projects. Junior Grand Champion: Members age 13 and under as of January 1; Senior Grand Champion: Members age 14 and over as of January 1. In Departments Which award an Intermediate Grand Champion, member shall be ages 11-13 as of January 1. When a unit Champion is named Grand champion, and exhibits exceptional quality, the unit Reserve Champion becomes eligible for Reserve Grand Champion. If no exhibit meets the standards for Grand Champion, the judge may not give an award.
7. Premiums in each class will be:
Blue - \$3.00
Red - \$2.00
White - No Premium
8. Completed records must be furnished with each exhibit. The project or club leader should sign record sheets. Record sheets and any additional pages or information are to be securely fastened in a protective binder. **Clear plastic covers with sliders are NOT to be used, as they are not allowed on records exhibited at State Fair. Acco Binders are preferred.**
9. **DISPLAYS** — If the exhibit requires a display, it must be a folded display board, 3 feet tall by 2 feet wide, when closed, with a 1-foot wing on each side when open. (4 feet total in width when open) These display boards are available at local stores.
10. Each part of the exhibit must be labeled with the exhibitor's name, address, and Morgan County. This is a requirement for any project to be exhibited at State Fair. Refer to project department page for exhibit requirements specific to each project.
11. **PREMIUM**—All youth receiving any award and/or selling market animals **MUST** turn in a stamped, addressed, ready-to-mail thank you note **OR** a copy of a note that has already been mailed **before receiving premiums.**