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2023-2024 NUECES COUNTY 4-H FASHION SHOW GUIDELINES

ENTRIES DUE BY 5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024

EVENT IS ON FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

**BALLROOM A
RICHARD M. BORCHARD REGIONAL FAIRGROUNDS
1213 TERRY SHAMSIE BOULEVARD
ROBSTOWN, TEXAS 78380-3148**

FASHION SHOW EVENT INFORMATION

The 4-H Fashion Show is an optional activity open to all 4-H members who have completed a clothing project and competed and placed in the top three in the county Fashion Show competition. The purpose of the following requirements is to provide as fair an opportunity as possible for participation by as many outstanding 4-H members as possible. The requirements given below apply to all 4-H members who plan to participate in this contest. Failure to comply with the requirements will result in disqualification or penalty deductions from the final score.

1. All contestants must be enrolled in 4-H and actively participating as a 4-H member. The 4-H member must also be actively participating in the 4-H Fashion & Interior Design project during the 2023-2024 4-H year. All garments to be judged must have been purchased or constructed during participation in a 4-H clothing project between June 15, 2023, and the Nueces County 4-H Fashion Show. If a 4-H member is doing a self-determined project, he/she must notify their club manager before beginning the project and meet periodically with them to check progress.
2. If you have a question concerning your entry's category, please consult the Extension Agent on your pattern selection or buying ensemble to assure entry in the correct garment category prior to the entry deadline. The appropriate garment category should be determined by the style, fabric, and use of the garment.
3. The Fashion Show has two divisions, BUYING and CONSTRUCTION. A 4-H member may enter only one Fashion Show category in only one division. A 4-H member must choose a division at the county level and compete in that division at all levels. The 4-H member is not allowed to change divisions between county and district, or between district and state competition.
4. There are four garment categories in each division. A 4-H member must choose a garment category at the county level and compete in that category at all levels. The appropriate garment category should be determined by the style, fabric, and common/ordinary use of the garment.
5. The entry worn at the district contest must be the one worn at the county contest. Accessories, such as shoes, jewelry, gloves, hats, and scarves may be changed between contests up until the time the Division Worksheet has been submitted for the district event.
6. All garments entered must be worn during judging. No additional garments may be carried. Garments worn must make a complete ensemble and must ordinarily be worn together. Only garments and accessories worn during judging can be worn during the public show. No additional garments may be

carried except for props, i.e., show stick, tennis racket, golf club, corsage, teddy bear, etc.

7. All required entry materials must be in the Nueces County 4-H Office by **5:00 p.m., Friday, February 16, 2024**. Emailed or faxed entries will be accepted, but the original entries must be turned in prior to judging.
8. All contestants must be present to model their garment for the judging at the Fashion Show. If a conflict arises regarding this, approval must be received from the committee before the event.
9. The Fashion Show will be held on **Friday, March 1, 2024**, at Ballroom A, Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds, 1213 Terry Shamsie Boulevard, Robstown, Texas 78380.
10. District 11 4-H Fashion Show. Each county may send three entries per category per division to the district event to be held at the Victoria College Emerging Technology Complex, 7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, Texas, on April 4-5, 2024. Only first place seniors at the district level will advance to the State.
11. Member Classifications. This event is open to all active Nueces County 4-H members. All grades as of September 1, 2023.
 - Clover Kids - Grades Kindergarten, 1, and 2
 - Junior – Grades 3, 4, and 5
 - Intermediate – Grades 6, 7, and 8
 - Senior – Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12
12. Garment Categories for Buying and Construction Divisions. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member and parent that a garment is entered in the appropriate category. Participants should consult with their county Extension agent and project leader when selecting the appropriate category for a garment. The appropriate garment category should be determined by the style, fabric, and use of the garment.

SENIOR CONSTRUCTION CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS	
Everyday Living	Includes casual sportswear, weekend-wear, sleepwear, clothing for school, casual after-school events, or hanging out with friends.
Re-Fashion	Refashion is an environmentally friendly category where old, worn out, or damaged textile items are upcycled into something new. The result of modifying existing clothing or fabric item (such as tablecloth or curtain) into something more fashionable. Participants will use creativity and sewing skills to bring life to something that would have ended up in the landfill. The completed garment is different from its original use, not just an alteration. Examples: neck ties sewn together to form a skirt or taking old t-shirts and making them into a skirt.
Semi-Formal to Formal	<p>Entry must be designed for semi-formal to formal occasions and made from fabrics intended for the same.</p> <p>Semi-Formal is a little less formal than formal black tie.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women – includes midi dresses, pantsuits, wrap dresses, cocktail dresses, pantsuits, and jumpsuits • Men – includes slacks and a blazer, a two-piece suit (with or without a tie), accessories that show personal style (pocket squares, dress watch, custom shoes) <p>Formal – prom, evening, wedding, or gala party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women – typically floor-length gown, a knee-length cocktail dress, or classic little black dress • Men – two or three-piece suit or tuxedo, with a shirt and tie
Theatre/Costume	Garment intended for use as a costume, which would include stage production. May be sewn from fabric or using a base garment to build upon. These garments may be unusual or innovative materials; imaginative but wearable.

SENIOR BUYING CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS 1. All garments worn (garments that are visible, i.e., blouse under jacket or vest) during the interview process must be included in the buying worksheet. 2. In Buying, first place winners may enter the same category in which they have previously been awarded a first-place entry at State, unless they have competed at the National Fashion Revue. See related rule in the 2024 Texas 4-H Roundup guide.	
Business/Interview Attire	<p>Entry should be an outfit you would wear for a job interview, scholarship interview, job fair, or other professional event.</p> <p>1. Professional – This is a more traditional, conservative approach (e.g., business suit or blazer, tie, and dress slacks for men; business suit, pantsuit, or jacket and dress for women) and may vary by employer or industry.</p> <p>2. Business Casual – This trend is more relaxed and comfortable but demonstrates good judgment in choices and displays a neat appearance (e.g., polo shirt, shirt with a collar or sweater, khakis or other slacks, dress or casual leather shoes for men and women; moderate length dress or skirt for women).</p>
Fantastic Fashions under \$25	<p>This category is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to include different shopping venues. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, Goodwill, Salvation Army, or other retail business. Receipts are required for everything that is visible during the interview, except shoes. Receipts for garage sales can be handwritten. This includes jewelry and accessories.</p>
Semi-Formal to Formal	<p>Entry must be designed for semi-formal to formal occasions and made from fabrics intended for the same.</p> <p>Semi-Formal is a little less formal than formal black tie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women – includes midi dresses, maxi-dresses, wrap dresses, cocktail dresses, pantsuits, and jumpsuits • Men – includes slacks and a blazer, a two-piece suit (with or without a tie), accessories that show personal style (pocket squares, dress watch, custom shoes) <p>Formal – prom, evening, wedding, or gala party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women – typically floor-length gown, a knee-length cocktail dress or classic little black dress • Men – two- or three-piece suit or tuxedo, with a shirt and tie
Special Interest	<p>Entry should be a specific outfit that you NEED to know how to purchase wisely. Entry should be something that reflects a special interest of the participant, such as equestrian clothing and riding apparel, dance costumes, hiking clothing, or rock-climbing clothing.</p>

JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION CATEGORIES	
Everyday Living	Includes casual sportswear, weekend-wear, sleepwear, clothing for school, casual after-school events, or hanging out with friends.
Re-Fashion	The result of modifying existing clothing or fabric item (such as tablecloth or curtain) into something more fashionable. The main purpose of Re-Fashion is creativity, as well as sewing skills. The member designs and sews a wearable garment from previously used garments or fabric items. The completed garment is different from its original use, not just an alteration. Examples: neck ties sewn together to form a skirt or taking old t-shirts and making them into a skirt.
Dressy	For ensembles work 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.
Special Interest	Garment intended for use as a costume, which would include stage production. May be sewn from fabric or from another garment. These garments may be unusual or innovative materials; imaginative but wearable.

JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE BUYING CATEGORIES	
Everyday Living	Includes casual sportswear, weekend-wear, sleepwear, clothing for school, casual after-school events, or hanging out with friends.
Fantastic Fashions under \$25	This category is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to include different shopping venues. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, Goodwill, Salvation Army, or other retail business. Receipts are required for everything that is visible during the interview, except shoes. Receipts for garage sales can be handwritten. This includes jewelry and accessories. Do not need to account for sales tax.
Dressy	For ensembles work 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.
Special Interest	Entry should be a specific outfit that you NEED to know how to purchase wisely. Entry should be something that reflects a special interest of the participant, such as equestrian clothing and riding apparel, dance costumes, hiking clothing, or rock-climbing clothing.

13. Awards.
 - a. All Clover Kids will receive a participation ribbon.
 - b. Blue or red ribbons will be awarded to each Junior, Intermediate, and Senior based on the judges' scores.
 - c. Winners advancing to District competition will receive rosettes.
14. Natural Fiber Competition (Seniors Only). Refer to specific guidelines that follow.
15. Judging.
 - a. All contestants will be judged on overall appearance, becomingness of garments and accessories, fitness, quality of workmanship, appropriateness of care requirements, and wardrobe coordination. The use of comparison-shopping techniques will also be considered in the Buying Division.
 - b. All contestants will be judged on the criteria of the appropriate Fashion Show scorecard and suggested interview questions by a panel of two to three judges. Parents will not be allowed in the auditorium during judging.
 - c. Judges will evaluate contestants for a maximum of seven minutes and be allowed three minutes to mark their scorecards. This is a total judging time of ten minutes. A superintendent will assist each judging team and tabulate scores as the contestants are judged.
 - d. All participants will do a presentation.

BUYING DIVISION GUIDELINES

In the Buying Division, comparison shopping may include department stores, boutiques or specialty stores, mail order catalogs, outlet stores, re-sale shops, and professional seamstresses.

All garments worn (garments that are visible, i.e. blouse under jumper) during the interview process must be included in the buying worksheet. Information from the worksheet will be evaluated by a panel of judges, so the worksheet needs to be complete. Judges will ask questions about the garments and the comparison-shopping experience.

1. Guidelines.
 - a. All garments entered must have been purchased during participation in a 4-H clothing project between June 15, 2023, and the entry deadline for the county Fashion Show. Receipts are not required. However, there is space on the entry form to provide the total cost of the ensembles entered. There are no-cost limits. All garments worn in the contest must be purchased.
 - b. Comparison shopping may include department stores, boutiques, or specialty stores, mail order catalogs, outlet stores, and professional sewers. Three different resources must be used, not three different sections of a single store.

- c. During comparison shopping, if it is determined that paying a professional sewer (at normal retail cost) to construct an ensemble is the best choice for purchasing a garment, list the cost of fabrics, patterns, notions, any other supplies, and payment to the sewer as the cost of the garment.
 - d. All contestants must shop for and record three comparisons. The entry form must be complete. Information from the entry form will be used by the judges during the judging procedure. The judges will ask questions about the garments and the comparison-shopping experience.
2. Required Entry Materials. Due by **5:00 p.m., Friday, February 16, 2024**, in the Nueces County 4-H Office. The following entry materials are required for each contestant in the Buying Division. All participants will adhere to the deadline. Exceptions will not be granted.
- a. All Senior Contestants must have the following entry materials:
 - 2024 Texas 4-H Fashion Show Buying Entry Form.
 - Three copies of the 2024 Texas 4-H Fashion Show Score Sheet (white paper) with contestant information completed.
 - ONE full-length photo, no larger than 4" x 6", of contestant in garment being entered.
 - b. All Intermediate Contestants must have the following entry materials:
 - 2024 District 11 4-H Fashion Show Buying Entry Form.
 - Three copies of the 2024 District 11 4-H Fashion Show Score Sheet (white paper) with contestant information completed.
 - ONE full-length photo, no larger than 4" x 6", of contestant in garment being entered.
 - c. All Junior Contestants must have the following entry materials:
 - 2024 District 11 4-H Fashion Show Buying Entry Form.
 - Three copies of the 2024 District 11 4-H Fashion Show Score Sheet (white paper) with contestant information completed.
 - ONE full-length photo, no larger than 4" x 6", of contestant in garment being entered.
 - d. Commentaries. All 4-H Fashion Show Contestants will be required to submit a commentary to be read during the Style Show. The commentary is now part of the entry form and will be limited to four items of information for a minimum of 55 words and a maximum of 100 words:
 - Name
 - County
 - Category
 - One thing the 4-H member learned in the Fashion & Interior Design project (limited to one sentence).
 - e. Declaration of Eligibility Form. Must be completed by a school administrator along with parent/guardian signature.

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION GUIDELINES

Garments may be constructed by sewing, knitting, or crocheting using new or recycled materials. Accessories may be purchased.

1. Guidelines.

- a. All contest garments must have been constructed during participation in a 4-H clothing project between June 15, 2023, and the date of the county fashion show. Garments may be constructed by sewing, knitting, or crocheting using new or recycled materials.
 - b. Senior. During the interview process, all garments worn, garments that are visible, i.e., blouse under a jumper, must be constructed by the contestant. Accessories, such as belts, shoes, hosiery, gloves, jewelry, and hats may be purchased.
 - c. Senior. Refer to specific requirements for the Natural Fiber Competition that follow below.
 - d. Intermediate, Junior, and Clover Kids. Need not have constructed all garments worn during the contest. For example, they might construct a skirt and wear a purchased blouse with it. The skirt will only be judged on construction. The blouse will be judged only for appropriateness as an accessory. Enter the appropriate information on the Construction Entry Form.
 - e. Information from the Construction Entry Form will be used during the interview to evaluate the 4-H member's knowledge and skills. Therefore, the entry form must be complete. Judges will ask questions about the garment and its construction.
 - f. All contestants will be judged on the appropriate Fashion Show Score Sheet and suggested interview questions. Parents will not be allowed in the auditorium for judging.
 - g. All garments entered in the competition, except accessories, must be constructed by sewing, knitting, crocheting, or recycling during the current project.
 - h. 4-H members are encouraged to create their entry by recycling a garment. Recycling consists of constructing a new garment out of one or more outdated or otherwise unwearable garments in which the fabric is still in excellent condition. Ensembles may be created from a combination of recycled garments made from new fabrics. For example, a gored skirt may be recycled from a dress with a full skirt and the matching jacket from new fabric; or yokes, midriff sections, sleeves, etc., may be new fabric purchased to coordinate with the recycled fabric.
2. Required Entry Materials. Due by **5:00 p.m., Friday, February 16, 2024**, in the Nueces County 4-H Office. The following entry materials are required for each contestant in the Construction Division. All participants will adhere to the deadline. Exceptions will not be granted.
- a. All Senior Contestants must have the following entry materials:
 - 2024 Texas 4-H Fashion Show Construction Entry Form.
 - Three copies of the 2024 Texas 4-H Fashion Show Score Sheet Construction (white paper) with contestant information completed.
 - ONE full-length photo, no larger than 4" x 6", of contestant in garment being entered.
 - b. All Intermediate Contestants must have the following entry materials:
 - 2024 District 11 4-H Fashion Show Construction Entry Form.
 - Three copies of the 2024 District 11 4-H Fashion Show Score Sheet (white paper) with contestant information completed.
 - ONE full-length photo, no larger than 4" x 6", of contestant in garment being entered.
 - c. All Junior Contestants must have the following entry materials:
 - 2024 District 11 4-H Fashion Show Construction Entry Form.
 - Three copies of the 2024 District 11 4-H Fashion Show Score Sheet (white paper) with contestant information completed.

- ONE full-length photo, no larger than 4" x 6", of contestant in garment being entered.
- d. Commentaries. All 4-H Fashion Show Contestants will be required to submit a commentary to be read during the Style Show. The commentary is now part of the entry form and will be limited to four items of information.
- Name
 - County
 - Category
 - One thing 4-H member learned in the Fashion & Interior Design project (limited to one sentence).

NOTE: Please type the commentary as it is to be read during the style show. Entries will not be accepted if commentary is not included or complete (limit of 150 words).

Example Commentary:

"It's the 4th of July for Mary Jane Smith every time she wears this patriotic suit. And she has a right to celebrate! The jaunty jacket sports shiny star buttons on the roaring red wool. And what a great idea! The scraps from the jacket turn into patch pockets on the military blue dress. Mary Jane has six years of 4-H sewing, but always finds a new challenge. She made this suit during a thunderstorm, finishing just before the electricity went off. Can you imagine how great the outfit will be at UCLA, where Mary Jane will be a freshman this fall?"

- e. Declaration of Eligibility Form. Must be completed by a school administrator along with parent/guardian signature.

JUDGING PROCESS FOR INTERVIEW PROCEDURE

1. Introduction/Presentation. Each contestant will start by introducing themselves and modeling their garment for the judges. Participants will then provide up to a five (5) minute presentation to the judges. During the presentation, the participants need to describe their project activities, outfit selection, construction or buying skills and their knowledge of fibers and fabrics. See score sheets for point values associated with each area.
2. Questions. During the interview process, judges will have up to three (3) minutes to ask the participant questions related to the garment constructed and/or purchased. There are no sample questions for contestants to study and/or memorize in preparation for the interview. Instead, questions will be based on the criteria on the scoresheet appropriate for each age division, and contestants should be prepared to answer questions based on the following:
 - Knowledge of fiber and fabric characteristics, uses, and care
 - Identification of fiber source, generic name, and characteristics
 - Identification of fabric weave or knit, fabric type, and fabric characteristics
 - Knowledge of garment care
 - Ability to evaluate garment quality and apply knowledge
 - Special techniques/sewing methods used in construction of garment
 - Garment selected and division eligibility requirements
 - Appearance, fit, and fashion ability
 - Accessory selection
 - Knowledge and skills learned in clothing and textiles project and shared with others

2024 NATURAL FIBER COMPETITION (OPEN TO SENIORS ONLY)

1. All Senior contestants (in grades 9th through 12th) are eligible to participate in the Cotton or Wool/Mohair competition if their garments are eligible.
2. Participation: Participants must complete a 4-H clothing project between July 2023 and the district contest of 2024. All garments/ensembles to be judged must have been purchased (renting a garment is not permitted in the buying division) or constructed (construction division) during participation in a 4H clothing project between July 2023, and this contest in 2024.
3. Fashion Show Natural Fiber Categories. The Natural Fiber Contest has two categories: cotton and wool/mohair. Entry in the Natural Fiber is done by completing the Natural Fiber Entry form. The entry worn at the county contest must be the one worn at the district and state contests. Accessories such as shoes, jewelry, hat, gloves, and scarves may be changed, but changes must be included on the paperwork. No one may change divisions or categories between district and state contests.
 - a. COTTON. To compete in this division, the garment or ensemble must be made of fabric containing 60 percent cotton. Knowledge of fiber characteristics, production, and end use is required.
 - b. WOOL/MOHAIR. To compete in this division, each garment or ensemble 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 percent wool/mohair blend is also acceptable.
 - Knowledge of fiber characteristics, production, and end use is required.
4. Garment or Ensemble Criteria. The garment or ensemble can be constructed or purchased and must meet the specific requirements of either Wool/Mohair/Alpaca or Cotton.
Examples:
Wool example 1: jacket and pants made of wool, but shirt or blouse does not need to be made of wool.
Wool example 2: a full-length coat made of eligible natural fabric worn over a garment of any fiber content.
Cotton example: denim jeans with a cotton blouse and jacket need to be made from fabric with a minimum of 60% cotton.
Lining fabric, interfacing fabric, and trims are not required to meet the fiber content requirements.
5. Judging Criteria. Fashion Show Natural Fiber judging is based on the 2024 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.

- a. Promotion of Natural Fiber sub-total score.
- b. Knowledge of fiber characteristics and uses sub-total score.
- c. Interview sub-total score.

The judging process for the Natural Fiber Competition will take place in the same manner as the buying and construction divisions.

5. Natural Fiber Awards. Awards will be announced and presented at the conclusion of judging and the style show. Plaques or other similar awards will be presented to the first place through third place contestants of each category.
6. Required Entry Materials. Due by **5:00 p.m., Friday, February 16, 2024**, in the Nueces County 4-H Office. The following entry materials are required for each contestant in the Natural Fiber Competition. All participants will adhere to the deadline. Exceptions will not be granted.
 - a. 2024 Texas 4-H Fashion Show Natural Fiber Entry Form. Includes project goals, activities, leadership, community service, and signatures. One full-length photo no larger than 4" x 6", of contestant in garment being entered.
 - b. 2024 Texas 4-H Fashion Show Score Sheet Natural Fiber. Three (3) score sheets with the participant's information completed.
 - c. Declaration of Eligibility Form. Must be completed by a school administrator along with parent/guardian signature.