

	Cloverbud	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade*	Kinder, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> & Up
<b>Age as of January 1 of the current 4-H Year (October-September)</b>	5, 6, 7 – 8 year olds in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	8 year olds in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, 11 year olds in the 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	11 year olds in the 6 <sup>th</sup> grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	13 year olds in the 8 <sup>th</sup> grade; 14 year olds; 15 year olds; 16 year olds; 17 year olds; 18 year olds; <b>Youth who are 19 on or by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.</b>

\*These are standard grades based on public school general ages. Exceptions such as home or private schools or youth who have skipped a grade must be determined under the appropriate age.

Youth do not move up in an age group until October of the next 4-H year, therefore, youth participate in summer and fall fair activities as the grade they just completed.

Rodeo: Rodeo age requirements still must meet the January 1 rule described above, but vary slightly from other 4-H programs:

Novice: 9 - 11 years  
 Junior: 12 - 14 years  
 Senior: 15 - 19 years

Project materials and activities are designed to be age appropriate. Some projects are only available for enrollment by Senior age 4-H members.

Members must be enrolled by their county enrollment deadline or no later than May 1 of the current 4-H program year, whichever comes first, to participate in State level competitive 4-H events. Participation in non-competitive events at club and/or county level is at the discretion of the county 4-H agent. Provisions for enrollment in special interest and school enrichment groups are determined by the county 4-H agent.

Marriage and/or parenthood are not a barrier to 4-H membership, provided other membership requirements are met.

The county of residence is the primary county for 4-H enrollment. Youth are encouraged to enroll in their home county. A 4-H member cannot be enrolled in any project in two different counties at the same time. Bordering counties may determine local guidelines for cross-county line enrollment.