

North Carolina 4-H Presentation Guidelines: Open Class

Purpose/Objectives:

- To provide an opportunity to develop skills in organizing, planning, and delivering a 4-H presentation.
- To provide opportunities for youth to present a 4-H presentation in unique subjects that are broader than the traditional subject categories.
- To add flexibility and broader subject inclusion in the overall presentation program.
- To promote subject and topic creativity for youth in designing their 4-H presentations.

Eligibility:

Individuals or teams may compete.

- **9-10** - 4-H'er must be 9 years old prior to January 1 of the current year and not have reached their eleventh birthday before January 1 of the current year.
- **11-13** - 4-H'er must be eleven years old prior to January 1 of the current year and not have reached their fourteenth birthday before January 1 of the current year.
- **14-18** - 4-H'er must be fourteen years of age prior to January 1 of the current year, and not have reached their nineteenth birthday before January 1 of the current year.

Presentation Ideas:

- Seek advice from 4-H agents, reference materials, and experts in the field of your presentation area.

Resources:

- books
- newspaper articles
- Extension Bulletins
- 4-H project manuals
- school reports
- other relevant sources of information depending on the subject or topic.

Rules/Regulations:

Air and environmental safety practices and measures should be used at all times to protect self, and others from any potential safety hazard.

[See NC 4-H Presentation Regulations.](#)

[NC 4-H Presentation Scoresheet 9-13...in PDF](#)

[NC 4-H Presentation Scoresheet 14-18...in PDF](#)

Suggestions/Helpful Hints:

1. Participants should thoroughly review presentation program areas to determine if their subject matter can be categorized in an existing area.
2. Subject areas should be related to participants' interest and desire to gain additional knowledge.
3. Since the rules and regulations for this area is limited, it is recommended that youth discuss their presentation ideal with an expert in the field or areas of interest to gain insights and specifics regarding their topic.

Judging:

1. Judges will review each presentation and complete a judge's score sheet. The standard presentation score sheet will be used for both divisions.
2. Judges will ask questions if more information is desired.
3. Score sheets will be mailed to county 4-H Extension Agents the week following Congress.

Awards:

District Winners: Certificates

State Winner: \$25 award

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