



RICHLAND COUNTY 4-H ARTS FESTIVAL GUIDELINES

Registration due: March 16, 2020



The purpose of the 4-H Arts Festival is to provide opportunity:

- For 4-H members to share their skills and talents with others.
- For 4-H members to further develop their skills in communicating through the Arts.
- To share with the public the Richland County 4-H Arts and Communications projects.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- All 4-H Arts Festival participants must be enrolled in the Richland County 4-H program. The Arts Festival is open to 4-H members in 3rd-13th grade. Cloverbuds (5K-2nd Grade) may only participate in the Small and Large Group Performance category.
- The 4-H Arts Festival guidelines are available from the Richland County Extension Office. (608-647-6148). Registration forms and guidelines are available under “Forms” at <https://richland.extension.wisc.edu/> Review the guidelines for descriptions of entry categories, time limits and evaluation information.
- The 4-H Arts Festival is a Richland County Fair event. Entries in the Clowning, Juggling and Performing Arts categories are eligible to receive a fair premium. You must be enrolled in these 4-H projects to receive a fair premium. Public Speaking and Demonstrations are also eligible for Fair premiums, but do not require enrollment in the Communication Arts project. Remember to include your performance(s) on your Richland County Fair entry form. (Due August 1) Participants in group performances will receive participation ribbon. Group performances are not eligible for premiums.
- All 4-H Arts Festival participants are invited to perform at the Arts Festival Showcase during the Richland County Fair. The program is tentatively scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 13, 2020.
- Selection of performances for the State Fair is NOT based on the results of the Richland County 4-H Arts Festival. Individuals and group performances are encouraged to apply for the Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo. Application information is available at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/youth-exhibits/>
- Groups may record the performance to be submitted with the State Fair application. If a performance is recorded, all members in the group must complete the photo release in 4honline.
- Performances using recorded music should contact the Extension Office.

Questions about the Richland County 4-H Arts Festival?
Contact the Extension Office at 608-647-6148



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1. Description:
 - a. **Poetry-reading:** a poem or selection either in verse form or open ended; should be presented as a reading. No props. Use of notes is permitted.
 - b. **Prose-reading:** include stories, play cuttings, narratives, anything not written as a poem, should be presented as a reading. No props. Use of notes is permitted.
 - c. **Speech:** A speech on any subject. Use of notes is permitted.
 - d. **Storytelling:** Original or from a book, told as if to younger children. No poetry allowed. Presented without using notes; costumes and props as encouraged and facial expression and gestures are allowed.
2. Time Guidelines: Junior (Grades 3-5) - 3-5 minutes; Intermediate (Grades 6-8) – 4-8 minutes and Senior (Grades 9-13) - 5-8 minutes. Speeches must fall within time guidelines or it will be counted against your score.

DEMONSTRATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- May enter as an Individual or Team.
- Can only do one demonstration or educational presentation.
- Use visual aids to illustrate the topic you are speaking about. (ie. posters, charts, PowerPoint, Google slides or other technology) If using technology, bring your presentation on a flash drive.
- Use of notes is permitted.
- Entry Categories: Animal Science, Cultural Arts, Home & Family, Mechanical Science, Natural Science, Plant and Soil Science, STEM or General

1. Description:
 - a. **Demonstration:**

Teach the audience about a 4-H project or subject you are interested in by showing them how to do something (ie. How to decorate a cake)

A traditional 4-H demonstration consists of 4 parts - a) introduction, b) body, c) conclusion, d) questions
 - b. **Youth in Action (YIA) Demonstration:**

A Youth in Action demonstration is a hands-on presentation in which the audience participates. The presenter begins with an introduction and information about the topic and then invites the audience to try it (ie. During a YIA cake decorating demonstration, all of the 4-H members at the meeting might have an opportunity to decorate their own cupcake.)
 - c. **Educational Presentation:**

Teach the audience about a 4-H project or subject you are interested in by telling them about the topic. Use visual aids to illustrate your presentation (ie. posters, charts, PowerPoint, Google slides or other technology)
2. Age Categories: Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-13
3. Time Guidelines: 15 minute maximum

CLOWNING AND JUGGLING

1. Description: Performances will fall under two categories.
 - a. Clowning Performance
 - b. Juggling Performance
2. Time Guidelines: Maximum of 10 minutes. No minimum time limit.

PERFORMING ARTS (Vocal, Instrumental & Dance)

1. Description:
 - a. **Vocal Performances**
 - Entry Categories: Solo, Duet, Trio
 - If recorded music is used, only instrumental accompaniments are permitted.
 - Vocal performers must provide sheet music with notes and lyrics for the judge.
 - Only 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H Music project are eligible to receive Richland County Fair premiums. Project sign-up deadline-March 1.
 - b. **Instrumental Performances**
 - Entry Categories: Solo, Duet, Trio for each of the following - Piano, Other String Instruments (not piano), Other Instrument
 - Only 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H Music project are eligible to receive Richland County Fair premiums. Project sign-up deadline-March 1.
 - c. **Dance Performances**
 - Entry Categories: Solo, Duet, Trio
 - Performances are divided into two groups:
 - Amateur - Have never taken dance lessons
 - Professional - Have taken dance lessons
 - Performances using recorded music must provide their own equipment.
 - Only 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H Dance project are eligible to receive Richland County Fair premiums. Project sign-up deadline-March 1.
3. Age Categories: Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-13
4. Time Guidelines: Maximum of 10 minutes. No minimum time limit.

SMALL AND LARGE GROUP PERFORMANCES

General Guidelines:

- Open to all 4-H members in Kindergarten(K5)-13th Grade
- Small Groups = 1-5 participants; Large Group = 6 or more participants
- Youth do not need to be enrolled in the 4-H project to participate
- No directing is permitted from the audience or in front of the stage.
- Group performances are expected to respect the time guidelines. Participants are expected to be ready to perform according to the schedule listed in the program.
- All Small Group and Large Group performers will receive a participation ribbon.
- Small Group and Large Group performances are not eligible for Fair premiums.
- All Small Group and Large Group performers are invited to perform at the Arts Festival Showcase during the Richland County Fair.

ONE ACT PLAY

- Can be a published play or an original drama
- Time Guidelines: The maximum performance time limit is 20 minutes from opening curtain to final curtain. No minimum time limit.

MINI-DRAMA (Skits, Puppetry or Creative Dramatics)

- Produced with minimal props (no sound equipment, special lighting, or curtain) and costumes.
- Time Guidelines: A maximum time limit of 15 minutes, including set-up and take-down. There is no minimum time limit.

PLAY READING

- Readers are to make their selection come alive without the use of costumes and props.
- Hand movements and facial expressions are acceptable. Movement around the stage is not acceptable.
- Presented without microphones or artificial devices.
- Scripts are to be used.
- Time Guidelines: Maximum of 10 minutes.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE

- If recorded music is used, only instrumental accompaniments are permitted.
- Time Guidelines: A maximum of 20 minutes in length and a minimum of 10 minutes for large group performances. Small group performances should be a maximum of 10 minutes. There is no minimum time limit for small group performances.

DANCE PERFORMANCE

- Time Guidelines: Large group - A maximum of 15 minutes; Small group - A maximum of 3 minutes.
- Contact Extension Office regarding format needed for music.