

4-H Best Rabbit Project Sponsored by “Friends of the Youth Rabbit Project”

Purpose

The **Friends of the Youth Rabbit Project** group was formed to encourage and acknowledge excellence among youth in their 4-H rabbit projects. We aspire to encourage 4-Hers to develop the scope of their project, engage in project activities and conduct themselves with the poise and conduct of a leader to others in the project and community.

Eligibility

Applicant must be a current enrolled member in good standing with a Sonoma County or Marin County 4-H rabbit project. Applicant must be exhibiting rabbits at the 2016 Sonoma Marin Fair. Exhibitor to compete according to age as of January 1, 2016.

Three awards will be given:

1. 4-H Best Rabbit Project 9-10 years
2. 4-H Best Rabbit Project 11-13 years
3. 4-H Best Rabbit Project 14 years and over

Rules

1. Applicants agree to be available and complete the interview as scheduled. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
2. Applications are to be completed by the contestant and **in their own words**.
3. Applicants will be required to submit a written application and attend an interview on the scheduled day at their assigned time.
4. Application may be typed or handwritten. Application not to exceed five pages in length, including cover page if typed. Seven page maximum if hand written. A minimum of size 11 font and half inch margins on 8.5” x 11” paper must be used if typed.
6. Include first and last name with page number on top of each page of application.
7. Applicants are expected to interview in professional 4-H attire appropriate for the 4-H rabbit project. This includes white pants, long sleeve white shirt, 4-H scarf/tie and 4-H hat.
8. If any given category lacks a qualified candidate, award will not be given.

Procedure

The application is due to the fair office by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 10, 2016.

Interviews will be held assigned after all applications are received at the Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds. After all applications are received, candidates will be contacted with their interview time.

Award winners will be determined from the sum of their application and interview scores. Award will be presented at Sunday awards ceremony.

The ideal candidate will demonstrate commitment to their project with strong goals. Leadership and community service within the project is encouraged. Appropriate levels of leadership and project development will be taken into consideration with age and number of years in the project.

Scoring

Application _____	40 pts
Scope of individual project _____	15 pts
4-H project involvement* _____	10 pts
Application thoroughness _____	10 pts
Application presentation (grammar, format, etc.) _____	5 pts
Interview _____	60 pts
Size/scope/development of individual project _____	20 pts
4-H project involvement* and community activities _____	10 pts
Goals and motivation for future _____	10 pts
Poise, communication and composure _____	10 pts
Physical appearance** _____	10 pts

*Items to consider: leadership, presentations, community service and involvement within the club and/or county rabbit project.

** (neatly dressed, proper 4-H uniform-white long sleeve shirt, white pants, no jewelry/nail polish, belt, 4-H hat, 4-H scarf/tie)

A Completed Application Will Include:

1. Cover page provided: (1 page)
 - With complete and accurate contact information
 - With all necessary signatures
2. Answers to application questions (up to 4 pages typed single side/6 pages handwritten)
 - Type or write question and include response below
 - First and last name with page number on the top of each page of application

4-H Best Rabbit Project Application Cover Page

Division: 9-10 yrs old 11-13 yrs old 14 yrs and over
(Circle one)

Applicant Name:

Parent Name:

Contact Cell Phone number: _____

Alternate Phone number:

Email:

4-H Club: _____
County: _____

Number of years as a 4-H member: _____ Years in rabbit project: _____

Date of birth: _____
Age as of Jan 1, 2016: _____

Applicant:
I have read the accompanying rules for the contest and agree to abide by them.

Applicant Signature:

Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Signature

4-H Rabbit Project Leader: _____
Printed Name

4-H Rabbit Project Leader Signature: _____
Signature

Application Questions

- 1. How and when did you get started with your rabbit project? Include names of those who helped you the most.**
- 2. Describe your rabbit project. (Breeds raised, number of animals/holes, etc.)**
- 3. List your biggest accomplishments with your animals.**
- 4. List your most important personal accomplishment(s) with your project.**
- 5. What have you done to make others aware of your project? Both within your club and outside of 4-H.**
- 6. What goals have you set for yourself in regards to your project for the future?**
- 7. How have you been a leader in your project?**
- 8. How do you feel your project will help you with your future endeavors?**
- 9. Please list your rabbit related entries for the 2016 Sonoma-Marin Fair. (Include rabbits entered, showmanship, educational displays, etc.)**