

## *4-H Clothing and Textiles Advisory Board*

The Texas 4-H Clothing and Textiles Advisory Board offers 4-H members, volunteer leaders, and county Extension agents an opportunity to help determine and expand the 4-H clothing program by recommending and implementing special activities and new project ideas. The Texas 4-H Clothing and Textiles Advisory Board provides the leadership and coordination of the State Fashion Show.

### **Purpose of the 4-H Clothing and Textiles Advisory Board**

- Provide vision for the future of the clothing and textiles project.
- Promote the Clothing and Textiles project to Texas youth and adults.
- Provide representation from all areas of the state within the 4-H Clothing and Textiles project.

### **Advisory Board Goals**

- strengthen the 4-H clothing program through suggestions for program direction;
- provide activities for the 4-H clothing program that interest a variety of youth; and
- encourage 4-H'ers, volunteer leaders, and county Extension agents to become more involved in planning and developing project materials and activities.

### **About the Clothing and Textiles Advisory Board**

- The Texas 4-H Clothing and Textiles Advisory Board members include senior 4-H members, volunteer adult leaders, county Extension agents, and industry representatives.
- The Advisory Board promotes the purpose and goals of the Texas 4-H clothing program. The Board also may review project materials and activities and recommend program directions, special activities, new materials, and competitive events.
- The Advisory Board developed and introduced the Texas 4-H Fabric and Fashion Design Guide and found funding for the design competition. The board also helps plan and conduct all clothing-related contests at State Roundup.
- Membership on the board gives a voice in planning the future of 4-H clothing and textiles. Membership applications are due in December for a two-year term beginning in June each year and June for a two-year term beginning in January. Applications are available from your [county Extension office](#).

### **Advisory Board Organization and Responsibilities**

- The Advisory Board (adult and teen members) may set up task forces to carry out studies, to develop materials, or to plan and conduct activities.
- The board, standing committees, and task forces work within Extension and 4-H guidelines and policies. Proposals, recommendations, activities, and materials will be designed to further the goals and objectives of the 4-H clothing program.

## Membership

- A senior 4-H member must have passed their 14th birthday but not their 19th birthday on August 31, 2008 to be eligible, adult volunteer leaders, and Extension agents may apply to become members of the Advisory Board.
- Applications from 4-H members and volunteer leaders must be supported by letters of recommendation from the county Extension agent responsible for 4-H clothing projects in their county. An application from an agent must be supported by a letter of recommendation from the district Extension administrator. Letters of recommendation may be sent directly to the application contact person listed on the application.
- Application forms are available from the [county Extension office](#) and <http://fcs.tamu.edu>. Applications will be accepted twice a year; in June and in December. Applications will be reviewed by the Application Review committee during either the June or January Advisory Board meeting. The next application deadline is June 5, 2009.
- Membership terms are two years (June application deadline membership runs January 1–December 31; December application deadline membership runs June 1–May 3) and maybe extended by request of the member.
- Membership on the Program Development Committee is open to senior 4-H members, adult volunteer leaders, and county Extension agents. Membership on Teen Board is open to senior 4-H members only. Teen Board consists of a maximum of 48 members (4 from each District), are selected to represent all districts, interests, experience, and leadership in the 4-H clothing program. Members are expected to attend a minimum of three of the four regularly scheduled meetings during their two year term. If a member cannot attend, he/she must contact the Board's advisor, Angela McCorkle, prior to the meeting. An unexcused absence will result in removal from the board, no exceptions.

## Committee Officers

- The officers of committees are selected by the committees and approved by the full Program Development Committee. Any member of a standing committee is eligible to be an officer after one year of membership and serves for one year.
- The committee chairman works with the committee advisor to prepare agendas for meetings, to conduct committee meetings, and to see that written reports of meetings are prepared and presented to the Advisory Board.
- The vice-chairman works closely with the chairman to see that projects the committee undertakes are completed. If the chairman is absent, the vice-chairman assumes the responsibilities of the chairman. The vice-chairman progresses to the office of chairman after one year as vice-chairman.
- The secretary takes minutes of the meetings and prepares reports for the Advisory Board. The secretary also assists with public relations for the board.
- Three Teen Board representatives meet with the Program Development Committee to act as liaisons between the committees.