

## 2010 Texas 4-H Fashion Show Guidelines

4-H Fashion Show at the county level is an optional activity open to all 4-H members who have completed a clothing project. Senior 4-H members who have completed and won at the district Fashion Show competition can compete at the Fashion Show at State Roundup. Each district may send one contestant from each of the four categories (casual, dressy, formal, and specialty) in construction and buying and one contestant from each of the two categories (cotton and wool/mohair) in Natural Fiber.

The purpose of the following requirements is to provide as fair an opportunity as possible for participation by as many outstanding 4-H members as possible. The requirements given below apply to senior members who plan to participate in the state contest. Failure to comply with the requirements will result in disqualification or penalty deductions from the final score.

### Fashion Show Buying and Construction

#### Objectives

To recognize 4-H members who have excelled in clothing projects and exhibit skills in the following:

- Application of knowledge of fibers and fabrics to wardrobe selection.
- Clothing construction or comparison shopping.
- Fashion interpretation and understanding of style.
- Good grooming and poise in front of others.
- Modeling and presentation of themselves and their garments.

#### Eligibility Requirements

1. A 4-H member must have passed their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday but not their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 31, 2009, to be eligible for 2010 Texas 4-H Roundup.
2. Participants must complete a 4-H clothing project between June 12, 2009, and the district contest. All garments/ensembles to be judged must have been purchased (renting a garment is not permitted in the buying division) or constructed (construction division) during participation in a 4-H clothing project between June 12, 2009, and the district contest.
3. The Fashion Show buying and construction has four categories (casual, dressy, formal, and specialty) within each division (buying and construction). The 4-H member must choose a division and category at the county level and compete in that division at all levels. The entry worn at the state contest must be the one worn at the district contest. Accessories such as shoes, jewelry, hat, gloves, and scarfs may be changed, but changes must be included on the paperwork. The appropriate garment category should be determined by the style, fabric, and use of the garment. No one may change divisions or categories between district and state contests.

#### A. Divisions

##### i. Construction

1. Garments may be constructed by sewing, knitting, or crocheting using new or recycled materials. Accessories may be purchased.

2. All garments worn (garments that are visible – i.e., blouse under jumper) during the interview process must be constructed.

**ii. Buying**

1. In the Buying division, comparison shopping may include department stores, boutiques or specialty stores, mail order catalogs, outlet stores, resale shops and professional seamstresses. Three **different** sources must be used – not three sections of a single store.
2. During comparison shopping, if it is determined that paying a professional seamstress (at normal hourly rate) to construct the ensemble is the best choice for purchasing a garment, list the cost of fabrics, patterns, notions, and other supplies and payment to the seamstress as the cost of the garment. Enter the appropriate information in the column headed “Garment/Ensemble Selected” on the Buying Division Worksheet.
3. All garments worn (garments that are visible – i.e., blouse under jumper) during the interview process must be included in the buying worksheet.

**B. Category Description**

- i. **Casual**, for school and casual after-school activities, such as spectator sports, picnics, and casual dates. Examples are pants, jeans, skirts, or shorts each with a top; jumpsuit, casual or sporty dress, skirt or pants with casual/sporty jacket, school coat, and coordinated separates.
  - ii. **Dressy**, for ensembles worn to dressy activities such as dinner dates, theater, banquets, and job/scholarship interviews. Examples are men’s and women’s suits, dressy dresses, and dressy coats.
  - iii. **Formal**, limited to garments worn for formal evening events and formal weddings. This category includes tuxedos, formal gowns, wedding dresses, and bridesmaid dresses. Garments in the category should not be suitable for ordinary daily activity.
  - iv. **Specialty**, limited to athletic and special-purpose garments. Examples are band, pep squad, and cheerleader uniforms; athletic garments such as jogging suits, swim suits, leotards, and ski-wear; sleep wear; and theatrical and circus-type costumes such as clown suits and ballet costumes. Garments in the category should not be suitable for ordinary daily activities.
4. Once a contestant has won first place at the state contest in one division (buying or construction), he/she is no longer eligible to compete in that division.

**Necessary Forms**

The forms listed below are required for participants in the 2010 Texas 4-H Fashion Show state contest.

- 2010 4-H Fashion Show Entry Form (which includes project goals, activities, leadership, community service and signatures)
- 2010 4-H Fashion Show Division Worksheet (Construction or Buying)
  - Construction Division Worksheet
  - Buying Division Worksheet

## Judging Criteria

The contestant's Fashion Show Entry Form, Fashion Show Division Worksheet (buying or construction), modeling, and interview will be used to evaluate knowledge and skills in the following:

- Quality of project activities and written materials: 25%
- Knowledge of fiber and fabric characteristics, use, and care: 30%
- Ability to evaluate garment quality and apply knowledge: 25%
- Appearance, fit, and fashionability: 20%

A panel of judges will evaluate and score the entries. **Presentations will not be permitted during the interview judging.** Each garment category will be judged separately. A panel of judges will evaluate the Fashion Show Entry Form and division worksheet for each contestant. Participants will be interviewed by a panel of judges. 4-H participants will model their garment during the contestant judging. A participant receives a penalty of 5 point deduction for not following all Fashion Show requirements, which includes not completing all forms or illegible or incorrect forms, orientation participation, and donor thank-you notes.

If ties should occur, the ties will be broken using partial scores in the following order.

1. Ability to evaluate garment quality and apply knowledge subtotal score.
2. Knowledge of fiber and fabric characteristics, uses, care subtotal score.
3. Appearance, fit, and fashionability subtotal score.
4. Garment meets the competition eligibility requirements.
5. Garment is well made.
6. Garment style makes good use of the fiber and fabric characteristics.
7. Modeling, poise, and grooming.
8. Garment and accessories fashionable and appropriate.
9. Fit appropriate for the body.

Judges scores will be totaled by a tabulation committee.

## Fashion Show Natural Fiber

4-H members who have placed first in the district Natural Fiber contest may enter the Natural Fiber Competition at State 4-H Roundup. District winners in the Fashion Show category (casual, dressy, formal, specialty) in buying or construction division are no longer able to compete in the Natural fiber contest, unless they win the district Natural Fiber Contest. If a participant is a district fashion show buying or construction winner and a district Natural Fiber winner they will be able to compete in both contests.

## Objectives

- To encourage the study, promotion, and use of cotton, wool, and mohair – the natural fibers produced in Texas.
- To recognize 4-H members who do outstanding work in a clothing project that includes the study of cotton or wool, and mohair.

- To recognize 4-H members who use their knowledge of natural fibers to sew or buy garments or ensembles that contain 60 percent or more cotton fiber, wool fiber, or wool and mohair fiber.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

1. A 4-H member must have passed their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday but not their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 31, 2009, to be eligible for 2010 Texas 4-H Roundup.
2. Participants must complete a 4-H clothing project between June 12, 2009, and the district contest. All garments/ensembles to be judged must have been purchased (renting a garment is not permitted in the buying division) or constructed (construction division) during participation in a 4-H clothing project between June 12, 2009, and the district contest.
3. The Natural Fiber Contest has two categories; cotton and wool/mohair. The 4-H member must choose a category at the county level and compete in that category at all levels. The entry worn at the state contest must be the one worn at the district contest. Accessories such as shoes, jewelry, hat, gloves, and scarfs may be changed, but changes must be included on the paperwork. The appropriate garment category should be determined by the style, fabric, and use of the garment. No one may change divisions or categories between district and state contests.

#### **A. Categories**

##### **i. Cotton**

Each garment entered must contain a minimum of 60% cotton. Knowledge of fiber characteristics, production and end use is required.

##### **ii. Wool/Mohair**

Each garment entered must contain a minimum of

- 60% wool and 40% other fiber
- 60% mohair and 40% other fiber
- 60% blend of the two fibers and 40% other fiber
- 100% wool/mohair blend is also acceptable.

Knowledge of fiber characteristics, production and end use is required.

4. The garment selected can be constructed or purchased. A complete outfit, except for a blouse or shirt under the garment, is made of the eligible fashion fabric. Example: Jacket and pants made of wool. Shirt or blouse does not need to be made of wool. A full length coat made of eligible fashion fabric. It may be worn over a garment of any fiber content. Lining fabric, interfacing fabric, and trims are not required to meet the fiber content requirements.
5. Once a contestant has won first place at the state contest in one category (cotton or wool/mohair), he/she is no longer eligible to compete in that category.

### **Necessary Forms**

- 2010 4-H Fashion Show Entry Form (which includes project goals, activities, leadership, community service and signatures)
- 2010 Texas Fashion Show Natural Fiber Worksheet

## Judging Criteria

If the Fashion Show Entry Form and the Fashion Show Natural Fiber Worksheet do not show that the entry meets the eligibility requirements, the entry will be disqualified.

The contestant's Fashion Show Entry Form, Fashion Show Natural Fiber Worksheet, modeling and interview will be used to evaluate knowledge about the fiber's characteristics, uses in apparel, and ability to apply knowledge to the selection process. The contestant will model the garment for evaluation of the appearance, fit, and fashionability. Evaluation will be by a panel of judges. The value of each set of criteria will be:

- Quality of project activities and written materials of the natural fiber of their entry: 15%
- Knowledge of fiber characteristics and uses of the natural fiber of their entry: 40%
- Ability to apply knowledge: 30%
- Appearance, fit, and fashionability: 15%

A panel of judges will evaluate and score the entries. If ties should occur, the ties shall be broken using partial scores in the following order:

1. Knowledge of fiber characteristics and uses subtotal score.
2. Ability to apply knowledge subtotal score.
3. Appearance, fit, and fashionability subtotal score.
4. Garment is well made.

## Thank You Notes

Participants must be present for all Texas 4-H Fashion Show activities, including orientation, judging, dress rehearsal, and Fashion Show. Excluding 4-H Scholars, there will be no exception to the requirement. Participants must **bring to orientation stamped and addressed thank you notes** for the fashion show donors. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in point deductions or disqualification of the participant.

The Fashion Show will be conducted as part of the Roundup Assembly on Wednesday evening.

## Fashion Show Entry Forms

All entry materials need to be mailed directly to:

2010 Fashion Show Entry  
Attention: Mrs. Angela McCorkle, Extension Assistant

**Mailing Address:**  
2251 TAMU  
College Station, TX 77843-2251

**Physical Address (for UPS or FedEx):**  
Family Development & Resource Management  
1111 Research Parkway, Suite 126  
Texas AgriLife Extension Service  
College Station, TX 77845