



Genesee County 4-H Program

2025 - 2026 4-H Member Enrollment Form



Please return this completed form to the Genesee County Cornell Cooperative Extension Office prior to participating in 4-H activities or meetings.

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Personal Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Family Email: _____

Member Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Parent/Guardian 1:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian 2:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Demographic Information:

Ethnicity: Are you of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer Not to State

Race: ☐ White ☐ Black or African American ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Hawaiian & Pacific Islander
☐ Asian ☐ Prefer Not to State

Residence: ☐ Farm ☐ Town <10k or Rural ☐ Town/Suburbs 10k-50k ☐ Suburbs >50k ☐ Central City >50k

Family Military Service: ☐ No one in my family is serving

☐ I have a family member serving: Branch: _____ Relationship to you: _____

School Information:

School District: _____ School Name: _____

2025-2026 Grade: _____

Genesee County 4-H Member Code of Conduct

All 4-H Participants—youth, families, volunteers, and Extension staff—in or attending any activity or event sponsored by Cornell University's Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) 4-H Youth Development Program are required to uphold the values of the NYS 4-H program and conduct themselves according to these standards. The standards also apply to online activity, including social media internet presence.

Ground Rules: The following Ground Rules apply to all 4-H participants and volunteers. In addition to these expectations, CCE volunteers are accountable to additional expectations outlined in the CCE Volunteer Code of Conduct. Extension staff is accountable to additional standards of professionalism that are outlined by position descriptions and CCE policies.

- 1. Create a Welcoming Environment for All.** Encourage everyone to fully participate in CCE and 4-H. Recognize that all people have skills and talents that can help others and improve the community. Though we will not always agree, we must disagree respectfully. When we disagree, try to understand why.
- 2. Bring Your Best Self.** Respect and follow Cooperative Extension rules, policies, and guidelines that relate to 4-H Youth Programs and Events. Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects honesty, integrity, self-control, and self-direction. Accept the results and outcomes of 4-H contests with grace and empathy for other participants. Accept the final opinions of judges and evaluators. Be open to new ideas, suggestions, and opinions of others
- 3. Obey the Law.** Commit no illegal acts. Do not possess or use illegal drugs, tobacco products, firearms, weapons, or any harmful object with the intent to hurt others at any time. (Firearms are allowed only as part of supervised 4-H Shooting Sports programming.) Do not attend CCE or 4-H activities under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.
- 4. Respect and Dignity for all.** Respect and uphold the rights and dignity of all staff, volunteers, families, and youth who participate in CCE and 4-H programs.
- 5. Create a Safe Environment.** Do not carelessly or intentionally harm youth or adults in any way (verbally, mentally, physically, or emotionally). Refrain from romantic displays and sexual activities either in public or private situations. Be kind and compassionate towards others. Do not insult or put down other participants. Harassment, bullying, and other exclusionary behaviors aren't acceptable. Be considerate and courteous of all youth and adults and their property.
 - a. Youth must stay in the designated dormitory lodging areas: boys may not be in girls' dormitory or lodging areas and girls may not be in boys' dormitory or lodging areas.
 - b. Report any and all accidents, physical or verbal abuse or unsafe conditions that threaten the emotional or physical well-being of others or yourself to the NYS 4-H, Extension staff, and Event Coordinators as soon as possible
- 6. Be a Team Player.** Work cooperatively with Extension staff, volunteers, 4-Hers, and all involved in 4-H programs and activities. Be responsive to the reasonable requests of the person in charge. Respect the integrity of the group and the group's decisions.
- 7. Participate Fully.** Participate in all of the planned programs, be on time and follow through on assigned tasks/responsibilities (including the completion of required records or reports) in a manner that ensures the safety, well-being, and quality of the educational experience for self and others. Have fun!
- 8. Watch What You Wear.** Use your best judgment. Wear clothing suited for the activity you will participate in. Clothing promoting alcohol and other intoxicants, or displaying messages that are racist, sexist, homophobic, or any other degrading message that detrimentally impacts the dignity and respect of members of our community are never acceptable. Don't wear revealing clothing, such as short skirts or shorts, midriff-baring tops, and sagging pants. If you are unsure about what is appropriate, contact the local CCE 4-H Educator in charge in advance.

9. Be a Positive Role Model. Act in a mature, responsible manner, recognizing you are role models for others, ... and that you are representing yourself, CCE, and the 4-H Youth Development Program. Be responsible foryour behavior, use positive and affirming language, and uphold exemplary standards of conduct at all 4-Hactivities.

Consequences:

Any of the following may be used, depending on severity of the situation:

1. Participant will receive a verbal warning.
2. Participant may remain at the event/activity, but may possibly be barred from a future event.
3. Participant may be asked to leave the event/activity. If a youth, the parent(s) will be called, and the youth will be sent home at family's expense.

Photo and Image Release

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Genesee County (CCE) is granted permission to use and/or publish my or my child's photograph(s) or image (including audio, film, digital image or any other media) for educational purposes, including on its website, in newsletters, publications, marketing materials, etc., for promotion of CCE and CCE programs/services. I also grant CCE the right to distribute, display, broadcast, exhibit, and market said photograph(s), either alone or as part of a finished production, for commercial or non-commercial purposes as CCE or its employees and agents may determine. This includes the right to use said photograph(s) for promotion or publicizing any of these uses. I understand that I/my child/ward are not being compensated in any way for the use of our images and that I/we do not have approval over the final product in which it appears. I hereby release CCE and all persons acting under its permission or authority from any and all claims or liability arising out of use of our images. This release shall bind our heirs, guardians, assigns, and legal representatives. If this release is being signed for a child/ward, I certify that I am the parent/guardian authorized to sign this release.

Acknowledgement of Risk Form – 4-H Member

This form must be completed to participate in 4-H clubs/4-H Equine clubs and related activities.

This form may be completed during 4-H enrollment for the full program year for 4-H activities/4-H equine activities and events designated below at the club, county, multiple county, regional, state and national level.

I hereby apply for my child to participate in the 4-H club and/or activity indicated below to be conducted by the designated Cornell Cooperative Extension Association and acknowledge as follows:

I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers in my child's participation in the 4-H club and activities and my child's participation in said 4-H club and all its activities and use of any equipment related to such activities may result in injury, illness or death and damage to personal property. I understand other participants, accidents, forces of nature or other causes may cause these risk and dangers and I hereby accept these risk and dangers. My child is in good health and is at or above the minimum age of **5 for Cloverbud members and 8 for regular 4-H members/8 for regular 4-H Equine club members** required to participate in this activity and is able to participate in any strenuous physical activity associated therewith

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Genesee County 4-H Program Year: October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

Select anticipated program participation:

☐ **All 4-H Activities and Events for the 2025-2026 Program Year**

4-H Club Activities:

- ☐ Working with dogs
- ☐ Physical Fitness programs
- ☐ Shooting Sports

4-H Club Equine Activities:

- ☐ Participating in an equine club
- ☐ Working with equines beyond club level including clinics, camps, shows
- ☐ Working with equines in mounted "over fences" activities. *I (the parent or legal guardian) am aware that my child will be participating in 4-H Horse Program mounted "over fences" activities at Cornell University Cooperative Extension county, multiple county, regional, or state sponsored events. I give my child permission to participate. Mounted "over fences" classes in the NYS 4-H Horse Program could include ground rail, cross rail, and/or other over fences classes and obstacles (this does include trail class). The obstacles will be no higher than 3 foot in any of the 4-H activities.*

For Cloverbuds (youth 5-8 years old only):

- ☐ Cloverbud activities
- ☐ Cloverbud working with equine or other animal programs

I have read the above and by signing it I agree it is my intention to have my child participate in the indicated activity and I understand and accept the risks involved. This shall be binding on my heirs, successors, assigns, administrators and executors. Any claims or disputes arising out of my child's participation in the activity shall be venued in the Supreme Court of the State of New York of the County where the County Extension office is located. I am at least twenty-one (21) years of age and I am the legal parent/guardian authorized to sign this document on behalf of the child named herein.

With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this document, I acknowledge that the information is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I have read and understand the terms of all releases, acknowledge and agreements including the following parts: Member Code of Conduct, Acknowledgment of Risk Form, and Photo Release.

Youth Name: _____ Date: _____
(Please Print)

Parent/ Guardian: _____ Date: _____
(Please Print)

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

4-H Club Participation:

Please check all 4-H Clubs you wish to enroll in:
(age restrictions in parenthesis)

- ☐ Beef Club (8+)
- ☐ Cloverbud Club (5-7)
- ☐ Critter Crew Club
- ☐ Dairy Club (8+)
- ☐ FCS (Family & Consumer Science) Club (8+)
- ☐ Fur & Feather Club
- ☐ Garden Club
- ☐ Goat Club
- ☐ Homeschool and Beyond Club

- ☐ Kool K-9's Dog Club (8+)
- ☐ Mystic Riders Horse Club (8+)
- ☐ Sheep Club (8+)
- ☐ Shooting Sports Club (archery 8+, rifle 9+)*
- ☐ Swine Club (8+)
- ☐ Tractor Safety Certification (14+)
- ☐ Working Goats Club
- ☐ Independent Member
- ☐ Other: _____

*additional paperwork and fees will be required

4-H Project Interest:

Please check all 4-H projects you might be interested in. *Note: This does not automatically enroll you in a project, but provides 4-H program staff and volunteers with interest levels.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources/Wildlife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baking/Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening/Horticulture | <input type="checkbox"/> STEM Science Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Judging | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen Leadership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Skill-a-Thon | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other topics you would like to learn about: | |

4-H Enrollment Fee:

(below fees apply for enrollment period of September 1-November 30, starting December 1, prices increase by \$5, excluding when enrolling for Tractor Safety Certification)

Genesee County Residents:

\$25 per youth or \$50 per family (2 or more youth from the same household enrolled in the 4-H program)

Out of County Residents:

\$35 per youth or \$70 per family

Please make checks payable to "CCE Genesee"

Enrollment total: _____ + Shooting Sports Fee (\$25 per child or \$50 per family): _____ =

Total Amount: _____ Cash or Check #: _____ Date paid: _____

Enrollment Form is due before participating in a 4-H event, meeting or project.

Return this form with your enrollment fee to:

Genesee County Cornell Cooperative Extension
Attn. 4-H Program
420 East Main Street Batavia, NY 14020