

HORSE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

HORSE REGISTRATIONS

All 4-H Horse members must file **a 4-H Horse Certificate for all horses to be ridden or driven at the 2026 shows.** Each member **must** register **any** horses they **intend to ride or drive in 2026.** You will need to fill out a 4-H Horse Certificate for **all the horses** that you intend to be exhibiting this summer (this includes any/all backup horses). **ALL registration forms MUST be to the COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE by MAY 29th by 4:30 p.m.**

COGGINS PAPERS

All horses to be exhibited this summer in the 4-H Horse Shows must have valid Coggins Papers. The Coggins must be dated 2025 or 2026. **A copy of the Coggins for each horse to be shown at the qualifying shows, Showcase and State Fair must be included with your Horse Certificate and sent to the Cooperative Extension Office by May 29th by 4:30 p.m.** Do not send the original of the Coggins paper. **The original Coggins must be with you anytime you transport your horse.**

Be sure to write the horse's stable name and your name in the top left hand corner of the Coggins paper. This procedure will make it much easier to correctly match Coggins Papers to the 4-H Horse Certificate.

Horse sketches and descriptions should reference color pattern, hair whorls, chestnuts, scars and other markings. **A name or a statement of color without additional distinguishing features or man-made identification is not acceptable identification.**

RABIES VACCINATION

All horses to be exhibited this summer at the Steuben 4-H Qualifying Shows, Showcase and State Fair must be vaccinated for Rabies. Each exhibitor will be required to submit a copy of the certificate of vaccination to the Cooperative Extension 4-H Office with their 4-H Horse Certificate by **May 29, 2026.**

Horses must be vaccinated for Rabies each year. (I.E. Rabies Papers must be dated 2026)

CHANGING A HORSE'S NAME

Often 4-H members prefer to use a horse's stable name or change a horse's name for the show season. Either is acceptable but **do not change your horse's name after you have filed a 4-H Horse Certificate, a copy of the horse's Coggins Paper, and the certificate of vaccination for Rabies with the Cooperative Extension Office.** Your horse will be recorded with the name as specified on your horse registration form filed with the CCE Office on or before **May 29th by 4:30 p.m.** No exceptions.

If you have any questions about Horse Registration contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office of Steuben or your 4-H Leader.