

## LOCAL DIVISION

**All limited to El Dorado County residents or youth and teens enrolled in an El Dorado County School, K through 12, or non-El Dorado County residents that are bona fide members of a county 4-H Club/FFA or Grange**

The Junior Department is for young people who want to enter exhibits at fairs. There are a number of organizations that encourage competition among members of the organization. The Fair offers this opportunity by establishing divisions and classes for groups such as FFA and 4-H Clubs and Grange. The Fair will also provide opportunity for young people to exhibit who are not members of an organization by either offering separate classes or allowing them to compete in direct competition with organization members.

## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA)

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) is a national organization of students enrolled in high school vocational agriculture classes. The local unit is the chapter in each high school offering vocational agriculture, under the supervision of the agriculture teacher who is always the local chapter advisor. Every Future Farmer project in Livestock, Poultry, Fruit or Crops is a part of the practical education of the vocational agriculture student who owns it. The program includes the improvement of agriculture, leading ultimately to the ownership of the farms and the development of good rural citizenship. Participation in fairs and livestock shows is recognized as having educational value as well as providing stimulation for better results and finer projects, under supervision of the qualified chapter advisor and with the cooperation of the fair management.

## 4-H ACTIVITIES

4-H youth programs are non-formal voluntary educational programs under the supervision of the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of California and the United States Department of Agriculture. They are a part of extension teaching. The projects exhibited at fairs by members of their groups are the result of their efforts under the supervision of volunteer adults.

**Junior Livestock Exhibitor** will not be allowed to stay on the Fairgrounds without adult chaperons.

**Project Leader and Club Organizational Leader** must have each signed the fair entry form to assure that 4-H youth are qualified in all respects to show at the fair.

**4-H youth** must be the owner of animals they exhibit. A Bill of Sale and Brand Inspection paper for cattle to verify ownership are required with entry form.

## GRANGE

The Grange Youth Fair Program (GYFP) offers Junior Grange and Grange Youth Members the opportunity to exhibit at County Fairs and Expos across California. Junior Grange members are ages 5 – 14, and Fraternal Grange members ages 14 – 19 (Grange Youth). To provide guidance as they develop a greater understanding and appreciation for our agricultural abundance, as well as creating and developing individual skills.

**All exhibitors of market animals must have their animals tagged with an El Dorado County Fair numbered ear tag. Ear tags must be obtained at the fair office**

**FFA Members:** May participate in classes when they enroll in high school vocational agriculture classes and may exhibit as members through the end of the calendar year following graduation.

**4-H Club Members:** May enroll when they enter kindergarten and can exhibit as a member until the end of the calendar year in which the member becomes age 19.

**PRIMARY MEMBERS:** Must be 5 years old or in kindergarten as of January 1 of the program year. Primary members are not eligible to compete in divisions and classes at the El Dorado County Fair.

**JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR:** Must be 9 years old or in fourth grade by January 1 of the 4-H program year.

**Grange Members:** Must be at least 14 years old and not older than 19 to be considered a Grange Youth. Junior Grange Members may be between 5 and 14 years old. Grange members must follow all requirements of other clubs and independents adhere to. If there are not enough Grange members to make up a specific class, then the Grange Youth will show in the FFA classes and the Junior Grange will show in the 4H Classes.

**Independent Junior Exhibitors:** Must be at least 9 years of age, and must not be older than 19 years of age on January 1. Fair may offer divisions and classes for those who are not under the FFA, 4-H or Grange Youth programs, not listed above recognized junior agricultural youth organization programs.

**Independent Junior Exhibitors** not affiliated with any organization may enter appropriate FFA or 4-H/Grange classes if they meet the age criteria (14 years and up, FFA; 13 years and under, 4-H) established for the agricultural youth organization exhibitors against whom they are competing if above similar classes are not offered in the Junior Department. Fair management can establish separate classes if there are sufficient entries. Independent Exhibitors must own all exhibits entered 60 days (120 days for beef and horses) prior to the opening day of the fair (See State Rule VII-18). If, during the preparation of an exhibit, an Independent Junior Exhibitor terminates membership in a recognized junior organization, the Exhibitor may not show the same type of exhibit within 60 days (120 days market beef) of the terminated membership. An Independent Junior Exhibitor can show only in classes of one recognized organization in a calendar year to the extent that such classes are available.

Independent Junior Exhibitors entering animals must provide Fair Management with a picture of their animal with an El Dorado County Fair numbered ear tag and tattoo information (if applicable) (excludes horse) appropriate proof of ownership 120 days prior to the fair for beef and horse, 60 days prior to the fair for all other animals.

Independent Junior Exhibitors must provide records book at check in.

Independent exhibitors must purchase insurance to cover their animal. Insurance may be purchased through the fair office from CFSA for \$35 per exhibitor. Independent Exhibitors must have "on ground" supervision by a responsible adult.

**Affidavit for Independent Junior Exhibitor:** The following described affidavit must be completed and filed with the fair by Independent Junior Exhibitors when submitting entry forms.

### AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned states that:

1. The livestock entry(s) entered above were under the Exhibitor's sole ownership, care and management for at least 60 days prior to the opening date of the fair (120 days for beef & horse). Further, that the exhibitor has not been a member of a junior division organization within the last 60 days (120 days for beef or horse) prior to the opening date of the fair.
2. That the undersigned has read and has full understanding of the rules and regulations governing the El Dorado County Fair and the California State Rules for the Network of California Fairs and agrees to be governed by them.

Exhibitor's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Exhibitor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: SIGNED AFFIDAVIT MUST BE FILED WHEN SUBMITTING ENTRY FORMS.**