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Oklahoma 4-H Foundation Helps Members Become Beyond Ready

The Oklahoma 4-H Foundation is part of the National 4-H Council's nationwide initiative called Beyond Ready, which is designed to equip 4-H'ers with necessary life skills and expand scholarship opportunities, while also enhancing learning opportunities for volunteer leaders.

This ambitious, multi-year fundraising effort commenced in July 2024 and is scheduled to conclude in December 2030. Oklahoma's goal is to raise \$3.25 million, said Milford Jenkins, Oklahoma 4-H Foundation executive director. All funds raised will support the Oklahoma 4-H Development program.

"Money raised in the Beyond Ready campaign is an investment in the future of Oklahoma," Jenkins said. "Funds are used to provide educational and leadership opportunities for club members. Donations will also be used for continuing education and training for volunteer leaders, as well as for programming at the local, county, district and state levels. As of June 2025, we have raised \$912,899. This is a major investment in the next generation of Oklahomans."

In conjunction with the Beyond Ready fundraising goal, the 4-H Foundation is also committed to raising \$100,000 in unrestricted gifts by the end of 2025. Successful completion of this goal will result in an additional \$20,000 gift of unrestricted funds from a generous anonymous donor.

"All funds raised in this \$100,000 campaign will count toward our

\$3.25 million goal in the Beyond Ready campaign," Jenkins said. "Unrestricted gifts allow the 4-H Foundation to put money where it is needed most. These dollars are an investment in our 4-H youth and volunteers, as well as the 4-H program overall, including events, activities and operations."

At the 2025 State 4-H Roundup, the 4-H Foundation presented well-deserving club members with \$200,600 in scholarships. These scholarships have a profound impact on the recipients.

Former 4-H'er Abby Logan is a junior at OSU majoring in natural resource ecology and management with a focus in range ecology and management. She said she has been fortunate to receive scholarships through the Oklahoma 4-H program.

"The scholarships have had a profoundly positive impact on my college education by allowing me to focus more on my academics and professional development, rather than working long hours to cover tuition," she said. "As someone who is independently funding my education, managing college expenses can be a major cause of stress, but these scholarships have eased that burden."

Logan said she wouldn't be where she is today without the generosity of the gracious donors to the 4-H Foundation.

"Because of their generosity, students like me have the opportunity to focus on our education and gain valuable experiences that will help pre-

pare us for our future careers," she said. "Their contributions have and will continue to make a lasting impact, and we're forever grateful for all they do."

Donors who have a specific purpose in mind are also encouraged to donate, with the funds earmarked for their chosen cause. Those funds can be directed to a specific project area, event or club, and can also be used to purchase supplies, kits and equipment.

Businesses, groups, and individuals seeking opportunities for tax-deductible donations are encouraged to consider the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation.

Giving charitable cash gifts to support 4-H youth is easy. Simply write a check payable to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation and mail it to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation, 293 Agricultural Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078; visit the [Foundation's website](http://oklahoma4hfoundation.com) at oklahoma4hfoundation.com and click the Donate button; or contact Jenkins at 405-744-5390 or milford.jenkins@okstate.edu.

"The success of these fundraisers begins with a gift – no matter the size," Jenkins said. "The difference it makes in the lives of 4-H youth and the 4-H program is immeasurable. Considering being a part of something that will make our club members Beyond Ready for what the future holds."

To learn about Beyond Ready, visit the [Oklahoma 4-H Foundation](http://Oklahoma4HFoundation.org) website.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Robotics	Nov 5
Expressive Arts Club	Nov 6
4-H Has Talent	Nov 8
Cooking Club	Nov 11
Junky to Funky	Nov 12
Sewing Club	Nov 13
PLO	Nov 14
Lego Club	Nov 18
Cloverbuds	Nov 20
AFR Speech Contest	Nov 20
Holiday Goodies	Dec 6



PLO meeting
November 17
5:30

2025-26 COUNTY OFFICERS

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CLOVERBUDS

November 20 @ 4:30 pm.

Must sign up by November 13.



COOKING CLUB

November 11 @ 4:30 pm.

Must sign-up by November 4.

Remember we are cooking and practicing food safety.

Please have your child come with their hair pulled back!



SEWING CLUB

November 13 @ 4:00 pm.

This is for those that attended the October session.

We will be finishing our octopus project.

Also, you ALWAYS need your sewing kit.



JUNKY TO FUNKY CRAFT CLUB

November 12 @ 4:30 pm. *Must sign up by November 5.*

Kids will need to bring a pre-painted tin can. White or tan.



HORSE CLUB

Horse Club is starting up!

November 10 @ 4:00 at the Extension Office.

The plan is to have it the 2nd Monday each month.



ROBOTICS CLUB

Robotics club is postponed until a leader is found.

If you are interested, contact the office.



LEGO CLUB

November 18 @ 4:15 pm at the Extension office.

Must sign up by November 11.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS CLUB

Nov 6 @ 4:30 pm

Must sign up/pay by October 30.

Cost is \$1.00

We will be making fabric pumpkins.



2025 Fall NATIONAL 4-H AI CHALLENGE AI in Agriculture

This fall's prompt is:

“How can AI help solve problems in agriculture?”

From improving crop yields and reducing food waste to supporting sustainability and innovation, the possibilities are endless, and we want to hear YOUR ideas!

The challenge closes November 15, 2025.

Open to youth innovators nationwide, this challenge combines STEM creativity, real-world problem solving, and the future of agriculture.

Together, let's imagine how artificial intelligence can grow a brighter future for agriculture.

<https://events.projectboard.world/4HAlinAg>

The portal for entries will be open until November 15.

You can resubmit projects from the spring, as long as you revise it and describe the changes or enhancements you made.

Winners will be announced during Computer Science week, the second week of December.

Two Categories of 13-15 year olds and 16-18 year olds will be used.

Awards in each category for the top winners will be

First \$500

Second \$400

Third \$300

Our goal with the Spring and Fall AI challenges are to help youth prepare for a larger national AI challenge – the Presidential AI Challenge.

<https://www.ai.gov/initiatives/presidential-challenge>

These are due January 20, 2026. Prizes for this competition will be \$10,000 for the top winners.

Check out Purdue 4-H's resource about this challenge:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/national-programs/4-h-presidential-ai-challenge.html>.

We will be hosting a National 4-H webinar in mid-November to answer questions and support 4-H youth who want to participate.

OSU Fashion Career Day – Cathy Allen

November 5, 2025

8:30 AM — 2:00 PM

Do you have an interest in fashion?

OSUs Fashion Career Day is offered by the Department of Design and Merchandising.

Step into the world of fashion!

Discover the many paths a fashion career can take — from design and product development; to merchandising, e-commerce and textiles.

Come explore the roles that bring the vibrant world of fashion to life.



Brighter Future Enrollment Now Open

Oklahoma 4-H is now enrolling high school students in the Brighter Future program. Online modules are available to help students build college and career skills, with benefits including pre-admission to Oklahoma State University for those who complete the four-year program.

Enroll today at okla.st/4h-bf-register.

For more information, contact Mindy Aragon at mindy.aragon@okstate.edu



COUNTY SERVICE PROJECTS

We have several youth with service projects in the county and they would love your help!

Any donations can be brought to the Extension Office and we can get them to the youth.

Shelbi and Sydnee Prince, Garber, are collecting items for their pillowcases for kids at the youth shelter. They need hygiene items and other small items that kids like.

Joe Sharp will take any coats you have off your hands to donate for his coat drive project.

Bailey Nickels is collecting birthday plates, cups, and napkins for her Birthday in a Bag project. It costs \$7/ bag and monetary donations can be accepted too.

Lindy Pitts is collecting eye glasses for the Lions Club.

Kenzie Streck is collecting new or gently used small stuffed animals to give to first responders to have on hand for children in emergency situations.



AFR Speech Contest

A Great Opportunity for Youth and Volunteers

The AFR Speech Contest, a long-standing and popular event held each fall is open to both AFR members and non-members and welcomes students in grades 3 through 12 to compete in their respective age divisions at five district contests across the state.

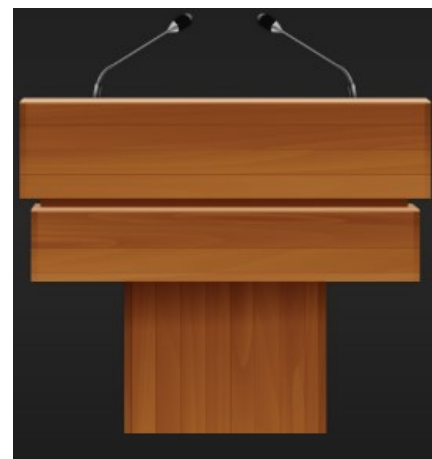
Contest Details:

Divisions:

- ♦ Novice: Grades 3–5
- ♦ Junior: Grades 6–8
- ♦ Intermediate: Grades 9–12

Categories:

- ♦ Animal Science
- ♦ Agri-Science
- ♦ Natural Resources
- ♦ Agri-Business
- ♦ Ag Policy
- ♦ Extemporaneous



Top two winners in each category at the district level advance to the State Speech Contest, held at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. Each year, more than 350 students participate in this enriching event that helps build confidence and communication skills.

In addition to encouraging youth participation, AFR is seeking volunteers to serve as judges at the district contests. If you or someone you know is interested in judging, please use the attached form to sign up.

To learn more about the AFR Speech Contest, including dates, locations, and registration details, please visit the official AFR Youth Program page:

AFR Youth Contests – Speech Contest Info <https://afrcoop.org/programs/afr-youth-program/category/contests>

For more information, please contact AFR Youth Program Coordinator, Cara Comstock at 405-218-5556 or cara.comstock@afrmic.com.

State Record Book Workshop

December 4 @ 5:30

If you are currently in the 8th grade and up, you can complete a state record book.

Come learn how to complete and get any questions answered.

This is for BOTH parents and youth. **Sign up by December 1st.**



HOLIDAY GOODIES

December 6th 10am-2 pm

Come join us to make some great holiday goodies.

Cost is \$15 and you must sign-up by November 25th.

Lunch will be provided.

Space is limited and you must pay ahead of time to reserve your space.

If county officers wish to attend, they will need to sign-up and pay as well this year





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Just a reminder that our office will be closed
November 26, 27 & 28, 2025 for Thanksgiving!
Hope you and your family have an enjoyable Thanksgiving.