



4-H Clover Connection

The Joy of Giving to Oklahoma 4-H Youth

The late Winston Churchill once said, “You make a living by what you make, you make a life by what you give.” The Oklahoma 4-H Foundation, with the help of its generous donors’ charitable gifts, has made a difference in the lives of thousands of Oklahoma 4-H’ers through educational and travel scholarships and financial support of other 4-H activities.

As the end of 2020 nears, some Oklahomans may still be looking for ways to make charitable donations, said Oklahoma 4-H Foundation Executive Director Milford Jenkins.

“Tax-deductible charitable gifts can be made to the foundation at any time during the year. However, some folks may not know their income tax situation until later in the year,” Jenkins said. “This has been a year of uncertainty with the COVID-19 pandemic, which has brought challenges and hardships. We fully realize some folks may not be in a position financially to make a gift at this time. However, more than ever before, Oklahoma 4-H’ers need us and our charitable financial support.”

Oklahoma 4-H is an organization that is known for empowering 4-H youth to develop life-long skills such as learning resiliency, confidence in themselves, courage and how to successfully navigate through a crisis. And, if there has ever been a year that can be described as a crisis, it is 2020.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has brought changes to our daily lives, it also has come with new charitable giving rules and opportunities for taxpayers to consider capitalizing on before Dec. 31, 2020 to support the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization(s) of their choice, like the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation.

Jenkins said one opportunity is the provision in the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act that provides for taxpayers to claim a deduction for up to \$300 in charitable contributions if they do not itemize on their 2020 tax form.

“Unrelated to the CARES Act, contributions of appreciated publicly traded securities held for more than one year are another charitable giving strategy for taxpayers holding these types of assets in their financial portfolio,” he said. “Depending on the donor’s income level, significant federal capital gains taxes can be avoided by donating the appreciated stock directly to the charity of their choice rather than themselves liquidating the stock, paying the federal capital gains tax and making an outright cash gift to the charity. Gifts of appreciated stock have to be made by Dec. 31 to be considered a charitable gift for income tax purposes this calendar year.”

Charitable gifts to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation can be made online via PayPal or credit card. Gifts by check made payable to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation and sent U.S. Postal Service to 205 4-H Building, Stillwater, OK. 74078 and must be postmarked before or on Dec. 31 to be claimed as a charitable gift for income tax purposes for the 2020 calendar year.

Another option to donate to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation is through the Check-It-Out donor program. Jenkins said donors can make monthly/quarterly contributions by authorizing the Foundation to collect money directly from the donor’s checking/savings bank account.

“It’s important for donors to know gifts to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation can be restricted or unrestricted, or endowed or non-endowed, which enables the donor to achieve the goals they have for their charitable gifts,” he said. “I’m happy to visit with anyone about giving opportunities available to donors wishing to support Oklahoma’s 4-H youth and their development.” Contact Jenkins at 405-744-8884 (office), 816-390-4357 (cell) or via email at milford.jenkins@okstate.edu. Help make a difference in the lives of 4-H Youth by Dec. 31 with your charitable gift to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation.

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COUNTY-WIDE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone that helped out by selling items for the County-Wide Fundraiser. Please remember that the items will be at the county fairgrounds on Wednesday, November 4th.

We need at least one adult per club present at 1:30 p.m. to help unload the truck. Individual member orders can begin being picked up around 2:30 p.m. There will be extra items that may be purchased on a cash-only basis that day. All items must be picked up by 4:30 p.m.!

COUNTY-WIDE 4-H MEETING

The next County-Wide Meeting of 4-H Parents, Members and Volunteers will be held on Monday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m., at the county fairgrounds. A Working with Minors and Title VII & IX Training for certified volunteers will take place as well. **A meal will be served; so if you plan to be there, please RSVP** by 12 Noon on the 26th by calling our office at 580-227-3786.



ENROLLMENT FOR 2020-2021

If you have not enrolled (re-enrolled) since August 1, 2020, you will need to do so by **October 31, 2020**. Remember that everyone has to re-enroll each year. You can do this on paper at the OSU Extension Center or online at 4honline.com. **This applies to both members and volunteers.**

The \$20 per year 4-H Program Fee will be applied to all members. These funds will help provide educational, technical, and logistical support to maintain a high quality program at the local, county, district, and state levels for youth and volunteers. Families with multiple youth involved in 4-H will pay \$20 per youth, but no more than \$60 per year per family (those with more than 3 youth). This program fee will apply to Cloverbuds as well. The fee is due within 30 days of enrollment.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the OSU Extension Center (580)227-3786.



at "Major County 4-H"

Information can also be found on our website:
www.extension.okstate.edu/county/major

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The contest date is Thursday, November 19 and will be held in conjunction with the 4-H Has Talent Contest held at the Fairview Schools Arts & Education Center. These contests will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The contest is divided into:

- * *Regular Talks* — no props (5 - 7 minutes)
- * *Illustrative Presentations* — using pictures or posters, models, charts, and animals. Includes presentations showing final completed products. (5–7 minutes)
- * *Power Point Presentations* (5–7 minutes)

Deadline for contest entry is Thursday, November 12. Entry forms are available at the OSU Extension Center.

4-H HAS TALENT CONTEST

On Thursday, November 19, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m., the Major County 4-H Has Talent contest will be held at the Fairview Schools Arts and Education Center in conjunction with the Public Speaking Contest. Entries are due no later than Thursday, November 12.

What can you do in 4-H Has Talent? Lots of things! Acts can be musical (vocal, instrumental or a combination of both), dramatic plays or readings, novelty (stunts, skits, aerobic or rhythmic acts, folk dances, twirling, pantomiming, or a combination of these.

The length of the act cannot exceed 6 minutes from the time the curtain opens until it closes. No more than ten minutes total time is allowed for any one act, which includes set up and take down.

Divisions will be: -Large Group (5 or more participants), Small Group (2-4 participants), and Individual 4-H members can be in one individual act and two group acts.

Judges will award either blue, red or white awards to all acts. A champion and reserve champion will be named in each division and judges will select acts for participation at district competition as well. All grades will compete together. Cloverbuds can participate as well.

Entry forms are available at the OSU Extension Center.

2021 Spring Dates of Interest for Livestock Exhibitors

Major County Jr. Livestock Show
and Bonus Auction
February 14, 15 & 16

Woodward District Jr. Livestock Show
February 20 to March 2

Enid District Jr. Livestock Show
March 2-8

Oklahoma Youth Expo
March 9-19

AFR/OFU SPEECH TUTORIAL RESOURCES

In lieu of this year's speech contest, AFR/OFU has created a self-teaching series of videos to teach public speaking.

This is a beginning to end on how to write a speech, introduce yourself, use the space given during the speech and helps with eye contact and gestures.

It is beneficial for all students- from the ones who have never given a speech to those who want to freshen up on their skills.

It is called Mastering the Art of Public Speaking. There are 12 videos in this program, 11 geared towards the students, and the final teaches the judges.

This program is free- for all students, not just those who plan to compete in the AFR/OFU speech contests. The videos are ready to watch at the following link: <https://www.afrcoop.org/speech>



OSU Collegiate FFA Virtual Speech Contest

Divisions: Novice: 3rd - 6th Grade

Junior: 7th & 8th Grade

Intermediate: 9th & 10th Grade

Senior: 11th & 12th Grade

Speeches must fit into the AFR Interscholastic Divisions to be eligible.

Judging & Awards: Pre-recorded speeches will be divided up by grade level and dispersed to judges. Judges will score the recorded speeches, give critiques and ask 3-5 questions. Award level results, critiques and questions will be emailed on or before December 5th. Speeches will be awarded Gold, Silver or Bronze and mailed a certificate.

This is open to all Oklahoma 4-H & FFA members. Registration is due by November 13; with a \$3 fee per speech.

Keep Working On The STATE SERVICE PROJECTS

"Change for Change"

Change collected benefits the Oklahoma Children's Hospital Foundation for supporting specialties such as cancer, genetics, autism, and infectious diseases. Collect change at your 4-H meetings or other events and turn it in to the OSU Extension Center where it will then be sent to the State 4-H Office.

"Pull for Kids"

Collect pop tabs to support the Oklahoma City Ronald McDonald House. Turn tabs into the OSU Extension Center. You are encouraged to collect the entire can and use the money to support your 4-H club, but we only want the tabs turned in to us. The tabs will then be taken to the Ronald McDonald House.



4-H Quilt Block Contest



Join the excitement of the 100th State 4-H Roundup with a Quilt Block Contest!

Enter a 4-H themed quilt block that will be made into a quilt celebrating the 100th Anniversary of State 4-H Roundup.

- **Registration is due October 30, 2020.**
- A \$10 registration fee will be collected with the attached form and you can register for multiple blocks.
- Completed block entries should be postmarked by **November 30, 2020.**
- The contest is open to all youth and adults (alumni, volunteers, parents, educators, etc.)

Prizes will be awarded to the top Round-Up youth delegate, the top youth, the top adult, and a Director's award where all blocks will be judged together. The finished quilt will be on display at the 100th State 4-H Roundup happening in July 2021.

Contact us for a registration form.

2020 4-H Spirit Gear



Oklahoma 4-H is excited to launch new 4-H spirit shirts and hats through Stillwater Screenprinting!

Check out our online store here:

<https://4hfall2020.itemorder.com/sale>

T-shirts are offered in adult sizes in 10 colors and youth sizes in 5 colors. There is also an embroidered hat available to purchase. Purchases will help support the 4-H Program Fee Scholarship Fund. Orders can be placed online and shipped or picked up at Stillwater Screenprinting.

Place your orders by November 1. Orders will ship or can be picked up after November 9.

OYE Nominations



The Oklahoma Youth Expo nomination procedure will be the same as last year. In Major County you must request your nomination kit through your local Ag Ed Instructor. Make sure you communicate with them how many kits you need. Kits are \$20.00 each per all species.

Nomination deadlines are:

Steers, Sheep, & Goats:

November 12, 2020 (post marked by this date)

Swine:

December 8, 2020 (post marked by this date)

Are you into it?

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