

EASTERN STATES 4-H HORSE DELEGATE

January 1, 2009

Dear 4-H Horse Leaders & Members,

The Eastern States Exposition selection process is now a three-tiered process, which is explained below. Please look over this letter and the applications carefully. The dates for Eastern States Exposition are September 23 through September 27, 2009.

The First Tier of the selection will consist of an application and review of the applicant's record book at the county level. At the first tier the home county of the applicant will evaluate their record book on a pass/fail basis. The application will also be looked over for completeness and correctness. If the applicant passes the county review (or the first tier); their record book will be returned to them, and their application will be sent onto the second tier.

The Second Tier is a state level selection based on the applications. Multiple people will score applications and the scores will be averaged. The same criteria will apply as has been used in the past, with first year applicants needing to score 75%, second year applicants needing to score 80% and third & **new this year** fourth year delegates needing to score 85% to be deemed as qualified. Priority will be given to first and second year applicants if there are an overwhelming number of applications. Those who pass the second tier, as determined by their scores on their applications, will be asked to attend the third tier final selection meeting, the third and final tier of the process. The committee reserves the right to make final selections using a personal interview and/or a written test if needed at this final selection meeting. **Please prepare yourself for both.**

The Third Tier -final selection meeting for Horse Delegates to the Eastern States Exposition will be held on Friday, June 19, 2009, beginning at 6:00 pm at the Middlesex County Extension Center, in Haddam. We have given you the date of the final selection so you can hold it, but you will be notified if you need to attend. Your application and record book will have to pass the first two tiers to be asked to join us at the final selection meeting. **Attendance at this meeting is mandatory if you are invited to attend. There will be no exceptions!!!** There will be a one day orientation for those selected Aug. 22nd in Haddam 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Delegate applicants must be 13-19 years of age as of January 1, 2009. Applicants must have owned or leased their horses before April 1, 2009 and must have a Horse Project Verification form on file at their local Extension Center. Junior Leaders must be 14 to 19 years of age as of January 1, 2009 to apply. It is **strongly recommended that an applicant's maturity be considered.**

The program at the Big E will keep the delegates very busy. They will participate in Horse Judging, Quiz Bowl, General Knowledge Test & Stable Management. The Horse Show will consist of Fitting & Showing, Equitation, Reinsmanship for drivers, an optional Pleasure Class, Pleasure Driving, and one of the following Obstacle Driving, Bridle Path Hack, Command, Trail (English & Western), Hunter under Saddle, Hunter over Fences (**if Hunter Over Fence class is first choice, delegate must also make 2nd choice. If there are 6 or less in class, the class will be cancelled and 2nd choice will prevail**), and Western Handiness. **VERY IMPORTANT:** The use of Pony Club or ASTM/SEI approved hard hats will be **required for all** riding and driving classes at ESE & ESE final selection. Helmets will be checked at both. If you do not have the proper helmet you will not be allowed to participate.

Any 4-Her who has a parent or guardian as a leader must have another leader or their local 4-H Educator fill out their recommendation. The successful applicant should be a well-prepared 4-Her who works well in a group. Our goal is for the delegation to have a fun positive learning experience and selection is the first step to insuring this.

If you have any questions regarding the applications or selection please contact Carol at 860-344-1804 or ctese@snet.net, Emily at 860-345-4511 or emily.alger@uconn.edu Leave a message and we will get back to you. We look forward to meeting you at the 2009 ESE Delegate final selection.

Dates to remember

Verification forms due	April 1, 2009
Tier 1 Applications Due	April 14, 2009 (postmarked by June 10)
Tier 3 Final Selection	June 19, 2009
ESE Sept 23 -27, 2009	August 22nd One Day Orientation

Sincerely,

Emily

Emily McCabe Alger
4-H Program Coordinator

Carol

Carol Birdsey
ESE State Coordinator

**CONNECTICUT 4-H
EASTERN STATES SELECTION PROCESS
HORSE COVER SHEET**

To be filled out by Applicant and must accompany application

Name of applicant _____

Address _____

Zip

Phone _____ email _____

I wish to apply to be a CT delegate to Eastern States as a horse delegate

_____ Rider

_____ Junior Leader

Office use only

TIER 1

Due April 14 at your County Office

<i>Date Arrived</i>	Office use only – please circle	
Record Book	Pass	Fail
Verification form	complete	
Application	Signed	complete

I recommend that this application be forward to Tier 2

Educator

Date

TIER 2

APPLICATION

SCORE _____

TIER 3

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TEST

SCORE _____

INTERVIEW

SCORE _____

TOTAL SCORE _____

ACCEPTED yes no

If no, strengths of application _____

Ways to strengthen application for next time _____

Office use only: Letter sent _____ date _____ Signature _____

NEW ENGLAND 4-H HORSE ACTIVITY EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION APPLICATION

Check one: _____ 1st yr. Delegate
_____ 2nd yr. Delegate
_____ 3rd yr. Delegate
_____ 4th yr. Delegate

(Date (s) _____ as previous Delegate)

YOU MUST ATTEND THE ESE final selection /orientation meeting, which will be at the Middlesex County Extension Office on June 19, 2009. As this is part of the selection process your attendance is **required** for selection. SEND or DROP OFF THIS APPLICATION & YOUR RECORD BOOK TO: **YOUR HOME COUNTY 4-H OFFICE** (MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 14, 2009 or postmarked by April 10, 2009). APPLICANT MUST BE AT LEAST 13 YEARS OF AGE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2009 AND A **4-H MEMBER FOR A MINIMUM OF 2 YEARS.**

LEADERS to COMPLETE THE EVALUATION SECTION, and SEND TO: **YOUR HOME COUNTY 4-H OFFICE** (MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 14, 2009 or postmarked by April 10, 2009).

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Home Mailing Address _____

Email _____ (Will not be given out to anyone. Used for delegate communication to save postage & toll calls.)

Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Age _____ (1/1/2009) Grade _____ Sex _____ Birth Date _____

Years as a 4-H Club Member _____ County _____

Circle one style of riding: English Stock Seat Driving
(both hunt seat and saddleseat)

Horse's Name _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Breed _____ Color/Markings _____

Approximate Height (Hands) _____ Weight (pounds)

I have owned or managed this horse since April 1, 2009. Yes No

NOTE: YOU MAY APPLY FOR EITHER AN ESE DELEGATE'S POSITION OR AN ESE JUNIOR LEADER'S POSITION (HORSELESS). YOU MAY NOT APPLY FOR BOTH POSITIONS IN THE SAME YEAR. ANY 3rd or 4th YEAR DELEGATE WHO QUALIFIED AND NOT SELECTED MAY BE CONSIDERED FOR JR LEADER **IF THERE IS AN OPENING.** PLEASE ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NEEDED.

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PLEASE TAPE, PASTE OR SCAN A clear 5 x 7 HEAD SHOT PHOTO OF YOU AND YOUR HORSE TOGETHER HERE. THIS PHOTO WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO YOU.

HORSE PROJECT

1. List the years in which you have participated in a county or state horse judging contest.

2. List any awards you have won in a county or state horse judging contest

3. List the years in which you have participated in a county or state quiz bowl contest

4. List any awards you have won in a county or state quiz bowl contest

5. List the years in which you have participated in a county or state hippology contest

6. List any awards you have won in a county or state hippology contest

7. List the years in which you have participated in a county or state speaking or demonstration contests

8. List any awards you have won in a county or state demonstration or speaking contest.

9. What have you learned from your horse project?

10. List any demonstrations, public speeches or exhibits you have done in relation to your horse project. Please list each with date presented. _____

11. What horse events or shows have you participated in since April 2007 with your project horse that you are applying with now? _____

12. List any awards you received in relation to the project horse you are applying with now. (Please list youth association awards, county awards, etc.) _____

13. List your leadership participation in your horse project. Be specific - what programs did you organize? How did you help new members? _____

14. What did you do to help your club or community in this project? _____

OTHER PROJECTS

1. List all other 4-H Projects in which you are actively involved. _____

2. List any awards you have received in these project areas. _____

3. List all other county or state activities/events you have attended in the last two years. Please note your participation level (i.e. planning committee, participant, etc.) and the dates of the event. _____

GENERAL

How does your 4-H involvement affect your life? Write a few paragraphs to describe your 4-H experience.

NOTE: ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION

All horses entered from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut must be accompanied by a report of an official negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins Test) conducted within 12 months prior to the event. Horses from Massachusetts must be accompanied by a negative Coggins Report within 12 months of the event. Horses showing evidence of distemper, EIA, mange, ringworm or any other infectious, contagious or communicable diseases will be refused admission to the grounds

I understand that the June 19th meeting is part of the selection process and my attendance is needed to complete that process.

Delegate's Signature

Parent or Guardian's Signature

