

EASTERN STATES 4-H HORSE DELEGATE

February 1, 2017

Dear 4-H Horse Leaders & Members,

The Eastern States Exposition selection process is 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 20 through September 24, 2017.

YOU MAY ATTEND ESE FOR AS MANY YEARS AS YOU ARE ELIGIBLE

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 ALL OTHER 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 Sunday June 4, 2017, beginning at 2:00 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 in Aug. in Haddam. Date to be determined.

Delegate applicants must be a 4-H member for at least 2 years and 13-19 years of age as of January 1, 2017. Applicants must have owned or leased their horses before April 1, 2017 and must have a Horse Project Verification form on file at their local Extension Center. If you have more than one horse project is recommended you verify all of them. 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, In Hand Suitability for Small Equine and Reinsmanship for drivers, You must do one of the following but may pick up to 4 classes: Western Trail, Western Handiness, Western All Around (*includes an equitation component, pleasure component and halter component*), Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Bridle Path Hack, Hunter Over Fences, English Trail, English Pleasure, Command (*may be mixed seat class or separate seats*), In Hand Obstacles (*Small Equine Only*), In Hand Hunter (*Small Equine Only*), In Hand Command (*Small Equine Only*), Precision Driving, Pleasure Driving, & Driving Command
VERY IMPORTANT: The use of ASTM/SEI approved hard hats will be **required for all** riding and driving classes at ESE. 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 rbirdsey01@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 2017 ESE Delegate final selection.

Dates to remember

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Verification forms due | April 1, 2017 |
| Tier 1 Applications Due | May 1, 2017 (postmarked by April 26, 2017) |
| Tier 3 Final Selection | June 5, 2017 2PM |
| August Orientation | ESE Sept 20 -24, 2017 |

Sincerely,

Emily

Carol

Emily McCabe Alger
4-H Program Coordinator

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 _____

Phone _____ email _____ Zip _____

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 **May 1** at your County Office

| <i>Date Arrived</i> | Office use only – please circle | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Record Book | Pass | Fail |
| Verification form DUE April 1 | 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 _____ 5th yr. Delegate _____ 6th 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 4, 2017. 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 May 1, 2017 or postmarked by April 26, 2017). APPLICANT MUST BE AT LEAST 13 YEARS OF AGE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2017 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 May 1, 2017 or postmarked by April 26, 2017).

Name _____

Home Mailing Address _____

Home Phone Number _____ Your Cell Number _____

Mothers Cell Number _____ Fathers Cell Number _____

Email _____ Parents Email _____

(Will not be given out to anyone. Used for delegate communication to save postage & toll calls.) PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Age _____ (1/1/2017) Grade _____ Sex _____ Birth Date _____

Years as a 4-H Club Member _____ County _____

Circle one style of riding: English Stock Seat Driving Small Equine
(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, 2017. 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, 4th, 5th, or 6th, YEAR DELEGATE WHO QUALIFIED AND NOT SELECTED MAY BE CONSIDERED FOR JR LEADER **IF THERE IS AN OPENING**. PLEASE ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NEEDED IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION.

**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 2015 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? _____

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 4th meeting is part of the selection process and my attendance is needed to complete that process.

Delegate's Signature

Parent or Guardian's Signature

GIVE THIS FORM TO YOUR LEADER FOR COMPLETION OF THIS SECTION.

LEADER EVALUATION

Please evaluate this delegate on leadership ability, cooperation, independence, **maturity**, horsemanship, and ability to successfully complete requirements of the ESE activities: (general knowledge test, quiz bowl, judging contest, etc.)

***Thoroughly discuss the strengths and weaknesses of this applicant. Applicants do not see this evaluation.**

AFTER COMPLETING THIS PAGE, SEND TO: *the Applicant's HOME COUNTY 4-H OFFICE*
(MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 1, 2017 or postmarked by April 26, 2017).

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

Leaders' Signature

Date

Printed Signature

Date