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 21 through September 25, 2016.

**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. Junior leaders will be considered with a minimum score of 75% and then the top four scoring applications will be qualified for junior leaders. 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 & Jr. Leader Delegates to the Eastern States Exposition will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2016, 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 will be mandatory if you are invited to this meeting. There will be no exceptions!!!** There will be one day orientation either Aug 27th or 28th in Haddam 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Junior Leaders must be a 4-H member for a minimum of 2 years and 13 to 19 years of age as of January 1, 2016 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 & Helping as a Jr. Leader to your state and the horse show. Jr. Leaders will also participate in the flag ceremony and my apply to be a Ringmaster. 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@sent.net or 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 2016 ESE Delegate final selection.

Dates to remember

| Tier 1 Applications Due | May 1, 2016 (postmarked by April 26, 2016) |
| Tier 3 Final Selections | June 5, 2016 2pm |

Sincerely,

Emily McCabe Alger
4-H Program Coordinator

Carol Birdsey
ESE State Coordinator
CONNECTICUT 4-H
EASTERN STATES SELECTION PROCESS
HORSE JR. LEADER 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 Jr. Leader delegate

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TIER 1
Due May 1 at your County Office

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I recommend that this application be forward to Tier 2

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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 EXHIBITION
JUNIOR LEADER APPLICATION

YOU MUST ATTEND THE ESE final selection/orientation meeting, which will be at the Middlesex County Extension Office on June 5, 2016. 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, 2016 or postmarked by April 26, 2016). APPLICANT MUST BE AT LEAST 13 YEARS OF AGE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016 AND A 4-H MEMBER FOR A MINIMUM OF 2 YEARS A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM AN ADULT THAT YOU HAVE GROOMED FOR MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

LEADERS to COMPLETE THE EVALUATION SECTION, and SEND TO: YOUR HOME COUNTY 4-H OFFICE (MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 1, 2016 or postmarked by April 26, 2016).

The Duties of a Jr. Leader are an integral part of the Connecticut Delegation to ESE. They participate in Horse Judging, General Knowledge, Flag Ceremony, march in the parade, monitor cleanliness and safety, and may participate in Quiz Bowl. They may also be a Ringmaster or Ring mistress. Separate paperwork at end of Application must be filled out for this. They are there to help a rider mount, hold the horse for the rider, and help the rider if they have forgotten anything back at the barn. They may NOT clean stalls, horses or tack. Helping to carry buckets is allowed.

Name ______________________________________________

Home Phone Number________________________ Your Cell Phone Number _______________________

Mother’s Cell Phone Number____________________ Father’s Cell Phone Number____________________

Email____________________________________ Parents Email______________________________

(Will not be given out) PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Home Mailing Address _______________________________________________________________

Town ______________________ State_____________________ Zip Code_____________________

Age _____ as of (1/1/2016) Grade_______ Sex________ Birth Date___________________________

Years as a 4-H Member____________________

Dates(s) attended ESE as a Delegate or Jr. Leader (If applicable)____________________________
PLEASE TAPE, PASTE OR SCAN A CLEAR 5 x 7 HEAD SHOT PHOTO OF YOU OR OF YOU AND YOUR HORSE HERE. PHOTO WILL NOT BE RETURNED. Please do Not staple.
Describe the experience that you have had with horses (horse ownership, helped with a friend's horse, riding lessons, worked at a stable, etc.) Applicant must be at least 13 years of age as of January 1, 2016. Attach paper as needed. Applicant must enclose a letter of recommendation from an adult the applicant has "groomed" for (a one day horse show is sufficient). A form from a horse show that you have been a Ringmaster at must also be provided if you wish to be a Ringmaster at ESE. Form is at the end of application. You will need 3 recommendations.
HORSE PROJECT

1. List the years in which you have participated in county or state horse judging activities. __________
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2. List any awards you have won in a county or state horse judging contest. _________________
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3. List the years in which you have participated in a county or state quiz bowl contest __________
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4. List any awards you have won in a county or state quiz bowl contest _________________
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5. List the years in which you have participated in county or state hippology activities __________
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6. List any awards you have won in county or state hippology activities
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7. List the years in which you have participated in county or state team or individual demonstrations or public speaking contests. _________________

8. List any awards you have won in county or state demonstrations or public speaking contests.
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9. What have you learned from your horse project? _________________________________________
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10. List any demonstrations, public speeches or exhibits you did in relation to your horse project.

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11. What horse events or shows have you attended, either as a rider, groom or a spectator, since April 2014.

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12. List any awards you received in relation to your horse project.

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

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

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OTHER PROJECTS

1. List any other 4-H Projects in which you are actively involved. __________________________

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

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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.

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GENERAL

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

I understand that the June 5th meeting is part of the selection process and my attendance is needed to complete that process.

________________________________________
Delegate’s Signature                      Date

________________________________________
Parent or Guardian’s Signature            Date

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Give this form to your 4-H leader to complete and mail.

LEADER'S 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.) and past experience. AFTER COMPLETING THIS PAGE, SEND TO: the Applicant’s HOME COUNTY 4-H OFFICE (MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 1, 2016 or postmarked by April 26, 2016).

*Thoroughly discuss the strengths and weaknesses of this applicant. Applicant does not see this recommendation.

Applicant's name ________________________________

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Leader's Signature                                          Date

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Printed Signature                                            Date
NEW ENGLAND 4-H REGIONAL HORSE PROGRAM AT 
EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION 
Ring Mastering Verification

The 4-Her requesting you to sign this form is gathering experience through local ring mastering to be able to perform these duties at Eastern States Exposition New England Regional Horse Show in September. Please assist them by signing and giving a short account of their duties at your show for the day.
They need 3 to qualify for ESE.

This form verifies that ___________________________ served as ringmaster at our Horse Show on ___________________________

Date

Name of Show__________________________________________________________

Address of Show________________________________________________________

Contact for Horse Show________________________________________________

Address of Contact_______________________________________________________

Email_________________________Phone_____________________________________

Please provide a brief description of the duties performed by the above 4-Her at your horse show.
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Signature of 4-Her__________________________________________Date______________

Signature of Show Manager____________________________________Date______________