

ACROSS COUNTY/STATE LINES 4-H MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

1. Any youth who wishes to join 4-H in Lawrence County, but does not permanently reside in Lawrence County, must submit an application for membership by the county deadline.
2. Applications are available from the advisor's project requirements of the local Extension Office.
3. The completed application should be sent first to the Extension Office located in the county the youth wishes to engage membership.
4. The 4-H Agent in the county of request will then review your request with the 4-H Agent in the youth's county of residence.
5. Lawrence County requests will be screened according to the Ohio 4-H Rules & county policies. Please be aware that "any change motivated by perceived competitive or sale advantage any change due to controversial issues, or other similar motivations will be automatically rejected."
6. Applications must be received in Lawrence County by February 28 of the current 4-H year in order for the youth to compete in the Lawrence County Fair. The youth must also meet any other animal identification deadlines or guidelines specific to their project to establish their eligibility. Applications received after February 28 will be eligible for all 4-H activities **except** project exhibition and competition (the fair).
7. A youth will be considered for 4-H membership in Lawrence County if they, or their parent or guardian, permanently resides or goes to school in Lawrence County. Special considerations beyond these two situations must be documented on the application and will be considered on a case by case basis.
8. **If the youth wishes to apply for Lawrence County membership based on the fact that they permanently reside in Lawrence County or attend a Lawrence County school, proof of such residency or enrollment must accompany their application. A letter from the school or post office is appropriate. Applications without such proof are ineligible for consideration.**
9. The Lawrence County 4-H Agent will submit appropriate applications to the 4-H Committee for approval on March 1 of each year. Lawrence County advisors will be notified of potential member's approval or disapproval. Applicants approved for membership to neighboring counties will be referred to the 4-H Agent in the county of request.
10. Applications are valid for only one 4-H project year. They must be resubmitted annually (or earlier if a change in circumstances warrant it) in order to maintain a 4-H'ers membership.
11. Questions concerning the Across County/State Line application process should be forwarded to the Lawrence County Extension Office, 1 Veterans Square, Ironton, OH 45638 or phone 740-533-4322

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