

EASTERN STATES 4-H HORSE JUNIOR LEADER

January 1, 2013

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 18 through September 22, 2013.

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 2, 2013, 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 on Aug 25th 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, 2013 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. 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@snt.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 2012 ESE Delegate final selection.

Dates to remember

Tier 1 Applications Due	May 1, 2013 (postmarked by April 26, 1013)
Tier 3 Final Selections	June 2, 2013
ESE Sept 18–22, 2013	Orientation Aug 25, 2012

Sincerely,

Emily

Emily McCabe Alger
4-H Program Coordinator

Carol

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

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 N/A unless 3 rd 4 th or 5 th year delegate		
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 EXHIBITION
JUNIOR LEADER APPLICATION**

YOU MUST ATTEND THE ESE final selection /orientation meeting, which will be at the Middlesex County Extension Office on June 2, 2013. 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, 2013 or postmarked by April 26, 2013). APPLICANT MUST BE AT LEAST 13 YEARS OF AGE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2013 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, 2013 or postmarked by April 26, 2013).

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 Ringmistress. Separate paperwork 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 _____ Phone No. _____

Email _____ (Will not be given out) PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Home Mailing Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Age _____ (1/1/2013) 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 ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NEEDED.

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, 2013 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 letter from a horse show that you have been a Ringmaster at must also be provided if you wish to be a Ringmaster at ESE. A letter from the Show Secretary or your 4-H Leader is acceptable***

HORSE PROJECT

1. List the years in which you have participated in county or state horse judging activities. _____

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 county or state hippology activities _____

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

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.

9. What have you learned from your horse project? _____

10. List any demonstrations, public speeches or exhibits you did in relation to your horse project.

11. What horse events or shows have you attended, either as a rider, groom or a spectator, since April 2011.

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

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 any other 4-H Projects in which you are actively involved. _____

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

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.

Event	Level of Participation	Date

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 1st 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

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, 2013 or postmarked by April 26, 2013).

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

Applicant's name _____

Leader's Signature

Date

Printed Signature

Date