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TO: County Extension Agents with 4-H Responsibility

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SUBJECT: 2011 District IV 4-H Fashion Show – April 30, 2011  
Texas A&M Commerce Student Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

## GENERAL RULES

- 1. Purpose.** The purpose of the following requirements is to provide as fair an opportunity as possible for participation by as many outstanding 4-H members as possible. The requirements given below apply to 4-H members who plan to participate in the district contest and seniors who hope to continue to the state contest. Failure to comply with the requirements will result in disqualification or penalty deductions from the final score.
- 2. Objectives.** To recognize 4-H members who have excelled in clothing projects and exhibit skills in the following:
  - a. Application of knowledge of fibers and fabrics to wardrobe selection.
  - b. Clothing construction or comparison shopping.
  - c. Fashion interpretation and understanding of style.
  - d. Good grooming and poise in front of others.
  - e. Modeling and presentation of themselves and their garments.
- 3. Participation.** Participants must be 4-H members currently enrolled in a Texas 4-H and Youth Development county program in District IV.
- 4. Age.** Age divisions are determined by a participant's age as of September 1 of the current 4-H year.

<b>Senior:</b>	14 to 19 years old
<b>Intermediate:</b>	11 to 13 years old
<b>Junior:</b>	8 and in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade, 9, or 10

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5. **Entries per county.** Each county may enter one member per age division per fashion show division/category.
6. **Registration.** Each member will be required to register on 4-H Connect and pay the district **\$8** contest registration fee. Registration on 4-H Connect will be open March 8 through **April 8, 2011**.
7. **Awards.** The top five high scoring individuals in each age division/category will be recognized with awards. Results and awards will be given when tabulations are complete.
8. **Participants with disabilities.** Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the District Extension Office at least 2 weeks before the competition and/or note such needs when registering on 4-H Connect.
9. **Location.** This year's contest will take place on **Saturday, April 30, 2011** on the campus of Texas A&M University in Commerce. Contestants will need to check in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Sam Rayburn Student Center.  
(map: <http://web.tamu-commerce.edu/aboutUs/contactUs/campusMapDirections/map/map.pdf>)
10. **Schedule.** A time schedule will be distributed to counties prior to the contest.
11. **Resources.** The contest will follow the State Fashion Show Guidelines which are listed on the following website: <http://fcs.tamu.edu> (Clothing tab)

## GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Participants must complete a 4-H clothing project between June 12, 2010, and the district contest. All garments/ensembles to be judged must have been purchased (renting a garment is not permitted in the buying division) or constructed (construction division) during participation in a 4-H clothing project between June 12, 2010, and the district contest.
2. The Fashion Show has two divisions (buying and construction) with four categories within each division (casual, dressy, formal, and specialty). The 4-H member must choose a division and category at the county level and compete in that division at all levels. The entry worn at the county contest must be the one worn at the district contest. Accessories such as shoes, jewelry, hat, gloves, and scarves may be changed, but changes must be included on the paperwork. The appropriate garment category should be determined by the style, fabric, and use of the garment.

## DIVISIONS

### 1. Construction

- a. Garments may be constructed by sewing, knitting, or crocheting using new or recycled materials. Accessories may be purchased.
- b. All garments worn (garments that are visible – i.e., blouse under jumper) during the interview process must be constructed.

### 2. Buying

- a. In the Buying division, comparison shopping may include department stores, boutiques or specialty stores, mail order catalogs, outlet stores, and professional seamstresses. Three **different** sources must be used – not three sections of a single store.
- b. During comparison shopping, if it is determined that paying a professional seamstress (at normal hourly rate) to construct the ensemble is the best choice for purchasing a garment, list the cost of fabrics, patterns, notions, and other supplies and payment to the seamstress as the cost of the garment. Enter the appropriate information in the column headed “Garment/Ensemble Selected” on the Buying Division Worksheet.
- c. All garments worn (garments that are visible – i.e., blouse under jumper) during the interview process must be included in the buying worksheet.
- d. Once a contestant has won first place at the state contest in one division (buying or construction), he/she is no longer eligible to compete in that division.

## CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

1. **Casual**, for school and casual after-school activities, such as spectator sports, picnics, and casual dates. Examples are pants, jeans, skirts, or shorts each with a top; jumpsuit, casual or sporty dress, skirt or pants with casual/sporty jacket, school coat, and coordinated separates.
2. **Dressy**, for ensembles worn to dressy activities such as dinner dates, theater, banquets, and job/scholarship interviews. Examples are men’s and women’s suits, dressy dresses, and dressy coats.
3. **Formal**, limited to garments worn for formal evening events and formal weddings. This category includes tuxedos, formal gowns, wedding dresses, and bridesmaid dresses. Garments in the category should not be suitable for ordinary daily activity.
4. **Specialty**, limited to athletic and special-purpose garments. Examples are band, pep squad, and cheerleader uniforms; athletic garments such as jogging suits, swim suits, leotards, and ski-wear; sleep wear; and theatrical and circus-type costumes such as clown suits and ballet costumes. Garments in the category should not be suitable for ordinary daily activities.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

The contestant's information sheet, division worksheet, modeling, and interview will be used to evaluate knowledge and skills in the following:

- Quality of project activities and written materials: 25%
- Knowledge of fiber and fabric characteristics, use, and care: 30%
- Ability to evaluate garment quality and apply knowledge: 25%
- Appearance, fit, and fashion-ability: 20%

A panel of judges will evaluate and score the entries. Each garment category will be judged separately. A panel of judges will evaluate the information cover sheet and division worksheet for each contestant.

At the Fashion Show, participants will be interviewed by a panel of judges. 4-H participants will model their garment during the contestant judging. **Presentations will not be permitted during the interview judging.**

A participant receives a penalty of 5 or more point's deduction for not following all Fashion Show requirements, which includes not completing all forms or illegible or incorrect forms.

If ties should occur, the ties will be broken using the scored paperwork. Judges scores will be totaled by a tabulation committee.

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Parents will not be allowed in the holding or judging areas during the judging process. An area will be available for parents to wait.

Counties may bring one entry from each of the three age groups in each categories of each division.

Categories for seniors will be Casual, Dressy, Formal, and Specialty in both Construction and Buying Divisions.

Categories for Junior and Intermediate will be Casual, Dressy, and Specialty, in both Construction and Buying Divisions. No Formal Division in Junior or Intermediate.

All contestants who qualify for the district-level contest must enter using 4-H Connect at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/> no later than April 8, 2011. Entry fees are \$8.00 per contestant.

All forms can be downloaded from the State Family & Consumer Sciences website: <http://fcs.tamu.edu>

The only entry forms that are acceptable are those found on the State 4-H website for the 4-H clothing program. DO NOT reformat any of the Word or Adobe Documents to accommodate the amount you want to place on your entry.

Fashion Show Entries packets must be received by 5:00 p.m. on April 8, 2011.

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#### **Entry Requirements**

- **Summary Sheet** - 4-H Connect entry and fees.
  - ✓ **Contestant Entry Forms** for Fashion Show should be paper clipped together for each contestant in the following order
  - ✓ Fashion Show Information Sheet (*2 photos*).
  - ✓ Worksheet for appropriate entry category (Buying or Construction).
- **Interview Score Sheets:** Prepare one score sheet per contestant, with headings.

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Attachments

cc Dr. Chris Boleman  
Dr. Darrell Dromgoole  
Mr. Hurley Miller

**CONFIRMED JUDGES & VOLUNTEERS FOR 2011 FASHION SHOW**

Judges:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Division/Category Requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Area to Avoid: \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Division/Category Requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Area to Avoid: \_\_\_\_\_

Contest Volunteers:

(Runners, registration, etc.)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

This form is due with the fashion show packets on April 8, 2011.

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2011 District -IV Texas Natural Fiber Competition Guide

District 4 will be following the State Guidelines for the Natural Fiber Competition. The guidelines can be located at <http://fcs.tamu.edu> (Clothing Tab).

For **SENIORS ONLY** - There will be a **Wool/Mohair** and **Cotton Natural Fiber** Contest for Senior Contestants. Categories include casual, dressy, formal, specialty with both the construction and buying divisions. Garments must be made of at least 60% of either cotton, or wool/mohair to be eligible for this separate contest.

A senior 4-H member can enter natural fiber contest and/or one of the divisions/categories (i.e., construction casual). The first place winner in the Natural Fibers Division will qualify for the state competition, regardless of if or how he/she might place in the other division.

Contestants must use the same entry form, but a separate natural fiber worksheet will be required with other entry materials to be eligible to compete in this contest. There will not be a Wool Mohair or Cotton Natural Fiber Contest for Junior or Intermediate Contestants.

### Objectives

- To encourage the study, promotion, and use of cotton, wool, and mohair – the natural fibers produced in Texas.
- To recognize 4-H members who do outstanding work in a clothing project that includes the study of cotton or wool, and mohair.
- To recognize 4-H members who use their knowledge of natural fibers to sew or buy garments or ensembles that contain 60 percent or more cotton fiber, wool fiber, or wool and mohair fiber.

### Eligibility Requirements

The contestant must meet all requirements for the Texas 4-H Fashion Show and must wear an ensemble that meets the fiber content requirements for the fiber competition being entered. The garment or ensemble must meet one of the following criteria:

- A complete outfit, except for a blouse or shirt under the garment, is made of the eligible fashion fabric. Example: Jacket and pants made of wool. Shirt or blouse does not need to be made of wool.
- A full length coat made of eligible fashion fabric. It may be worn over a garment of any fiber content.

Lining fabric, interfacing fabric, and trims are not required to meet the fiber content requirements.

The contestant must submit a Texas Natural Fiber Competition Entry Form, Cover Sheet, a copy of a Fashion Show Information Sheet showing that the natural fiber was studied during the project, and a copy of the Division Worksheet (Buying or Construction).

Once a contestant has won first place in one division (wool/mohair or cotton), he/she is no longer eligible to compete in that division.

**Cotton Fiber Content Requirements**

Each garment entered must contain a minimum of 60% cotton.

**Wool/Mohair Fiber Content Requirements**

Each garment entered must contain a minimum of:

- 60% wool and 40% other fiber.
- 60% mohair and 40% other fiber.
- 60% blend of the two fibers and 40% other fiber.
- 100% wool/mohair blend is also acceptable.

**Judging Criteria**

If the information cover sheet and division worksheet do not show that the entry meets the eligibility requirements, the entry will be disqualified.

The contestant's information cover sheet, worksheet and interview will be used to evaluate knowledge about the fiber's characteristics, uses in apparel, and the ability to apply knowledge to the selection process. The contestant will model the garment for evaluation of the appearance fit and fashion-ability. Evaluation will be by a panel of judges. The value of each set of criteria will be:

- Quality of project activities and written materials of the natural fiber of their entry: 15%
- Knowledge of fiber characteristics and uses of the natural fiber of their entry: 40%
- Ability to apply knowledge: 30%
- Appearance, fit, and Fashion-ability: 15%

A panel of judges will evaluate and score the entries. If ties should occur, the ties will be broken using the scored paperwork. Judges scores will be totaled by a tabulation committee.