



Consumer Decision Making Contest Memo

Date:	Saturday, April 6, 2024
Location:	Texas A&M University-Commerce Rayburn Student Center 2200 Campbell Street, Commerce Texas 75428
Schedule:	Tentative Schedule below. Times are subject to change.
Contest Check-In:	10:00 a.m.
Orientation:	10:30 a.m.
Judging Begins:	Following Orientation
Reasons:	Following Judging
Awards:	TBA

Registration. Each participating member is required to register on 4-HOnline and pay the district \$12.00 contest registration fee. Registration will begin on **March 6, 2024 and close at midnight on March 20, 2024.** No late entries will be accepted.

Participation. Contestants must be active 4-H members enrolled in a Texas 4-H and Youth Development County program in District IV. Contestants must also be academically eligible (according to UIL rules) to compete on the day of the contest. A contestant may compete as an individual or as a member of a team.

Age. Age divisions are determined by a participant's grade as of September 1st of the current 4-H year. Age divisions for this contest are:

- Junior (3rd, 4th, & 5th grades)
- Intermediate (6th, 7th, & 8th grades)
- Senior (9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th grades)

Entries per County. Each county may enter unlimited teams/individuals per age division listed above. The top 3 senior teams and/or individuals (if they are not already on one of the top 3 teams) will advance to state.

Members per Team. Teams consist of 3 or 4 members of the same age. Junior members will be allowed to move up to the intermediate age division in order to complete a team. Juniors and intermediates are not allowed to move up to the senior age division.

Suggested materials to bring for contest: Clipboard, blank paper, and pencils. No calculators allowed. **CDM Work Sheet will be available for all participants.**

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Awards. 1st through 5th place individual and team awards in each age division will be presented. Awards will be presented for placings, reasons, and overall scores for each age group.

Participants with Disabilities. Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the District Extension Office [or Denita Young at \[djyoung@ag.tamu.edu\]\(mailto:djyoung@ag.tamu.edu\)](mailto:or Denita Young at djyoung@ag.tamu.edu) or note when registering on 4-H Online, at least 2 weeks before the competition to request such needs.

Contest Rules. District IV follows the rules set forth in the Texas 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest Guide. Contestants will judge 5 classes from the current category study guide (linked below) and one mystery class.

Reasons: Juniors will not give any reasons. Intermediates will give one set of reasons. Seniors will give two sets of reasons.

Classes.

- Headphones/Earbuds
- Outdoor Backpacks
- Television
- Dental Products
- Fitness Equipment
- Mystery

Resources.

- [Categories](#)
- [Project Page](#)

Contestants will use the Universal A scan sheet to record their placings. Please make sure they are familiar with the sheet prior to judging. An example of one can be viewed here:

<https://www.judgingcard.com/ScanSheets/samples/705A-12.pdf>

Contest Superintendents. Questions regarding the District IV 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest directed to Lou Ann Rollins at larollins@ag.tamu.edu or Bethany Arie at bethany.arie@ag.tamu.edu