



## Consumer Decision Making Contest Memo

Date: Friday, April 10, 2026

Location: Grayson College  
6101 Grayson Drive  
Denison, Texas 75020

Schedule: Tentative Schedule below. Times are subject to change.  
Contest Check-In: 4:00 p.m.  
Orientation: 4:30 p.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 \$15.00 contest registration fee. Registration will open on March 4, 2026 and closes at midnight on March 18, 2026. No late registrations 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 1<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year. Age divisions for this contest are:

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

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

**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)** 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. Junior and Intermediate contestants will judge 3 classes from the current category study guide (linked below) and one mystery class. Senior level 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.

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#### Resources.

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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>

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**Contest Superintendents.** Questions regarding the District IV 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest directed to Lisa Sprague at [lisa.sprague@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:lisa.sprague@ag.tamu.edu) or Bethany Arie at [bethany.arie@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:bethany.arie@ag.tamu.edu)

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