

# Lincoln County 4-H/FFA Indoor Exhibits

## General Rules and Policies

1. Any bona fide 4-H and FFA member in Lincoln County in good standing is eligible to exhibit, provided he/she has not reached his/her 19th birthday as of January 1. A 4-H member is in good standing if they have complied with the club or state requirements of membership and were enrolled in a club/project by the deadline date of the current year.
2. All 4-H exhibits must be pre-registered by 5:00pm on July 15, 2025 on the Indoor 4-H Project Entry Form located on the last pages of the Indoor 4H Exhibit FairBook. This form was also emailed to every 4H family prior to the Fair. All 4-H members must have participated in Fair Clean-Up Day in order to exhibit in the 4-H Indoor section. All exhibit entries must be checked in before being displayed. Superintendents will be in charge. See Calendar of Events for check-in times.
3. Entries will be taken 3:00 pm-6:00 pm on Monday and from 8:00am- 11:00am on Tuesday. Judging will take place at 12:00pm on Tuesday.
4. Only official personnel, superintendents and judges will be allowed in the exhibit area during judging of the exhibits.
5. The decision of the judges is final.

6. Awards: Ribbons will be awarded to all exhibits. American Judging System will be used in the indoor exhibits for novice, juniors and seniors. Each entry is considered against every other entry and judged against a standard or ideal. If no entries are deemed worthy of the first place award, no first place will be given. Cloverbuds will be awarded participation ribbons as mandated by New Mexico State 4-H.

Outstanding Novice, Junior, and Senior awards are based on total points earned from project awards. To be eligible, exhibitors must enter in three or more project areas. If a tie occurs, the exhibitor with the most Premiums awarded will receive the award.

Points: 1st= 5pts. 2nd= 3pts. 3rd= 1pt. Premiums: 1st=\$5.00 2nd = \$3.00 3rd=\$1.00

A Champion ribbon may be presented in each project area. **One Grand Champion Over-All Indoor Exhibit will be selected from the Champions from each area.** The Champion Areas will include the 4H areas of Animal Science, Horticulture and Agronomy, Natural Science, Welding, Woodworking, Engineering Science, Personal Growth and Development, Leathercraft, Braiding, Photography, Creative Arts, Sewing, Baking, Cake Decorating, Home Economics, Arts and Crafts and the FFA areas of Welding and Woodworking. **The Grand Champion Over-All Indoor Exhibit entry will be allowed to sell in the Junior Livestock Sale on Friday evening.** Cake, Pie, Indoor 4H/FFA entries and Junior Livestock Sale rules will apply. Exhibitors can only sell 2 items in the Junior Livestock Sale.

7. 4-H indoor exhibits cannot be shown at the New Mexico State Fair or Eastern New Mexico Fair unless they are first exhibited at the County Fair. Those entries that place 1st will be eligible to move on to the State Fair and those that place 1st through 4th will be taken to the Eastern New Mexico State Fair. Only the judges will determine which exhibits will be selected for competing at the State and Eastern Fairs. Cloverbuds are not eligible to exhibit at State or Eastern Fairs.

8. **Label each entry with the exhibitor's name, 4-H age, club and project and exhibit description. enclose small articles in a quart size ziplock bag.**
9. All Self-Determined entries must be accompanied by a completed Self-Determined Project Record Form 100.SD-1 (R-03) and is in the Indoor 4H FairBook. The form needs to be securely attached and enclosed in a one-gallon ziplock bag. Some projects require a Project Information Sheet. That sheet will need to be turned in with the Project in the same manner. It is also in the Indoor 4H FairBook.
10. Exhibit Sizing Guidelines: Posters may be **no larger than 14x22 inches** (this is half a standard sheet of poster board). Display Boards may be **no larger than 18x48 inches** (this is a small display board or half of a standard display board). Posters and Display Boards can be smaller than these sizes, they just cannot be larger than the dimensions given. Only posters that are two or three dimensional AND show educational information will be awarded a 1st place ribbon. One dimensional, with writing only, ~~will NOT be considered~~ for a 1st place ribbon, regardless if it may be the only entry.  
Other Exhibit Boards Bases for three-dimensional vertical displays may be **no larger than 20"x 20 inches x 20 inches**. Some project boards are given specific measurements within the project and require a display board. **For example, leather craft and braiding have guidelines in their individual project book that are specific for their Fair entries.** If an exhibit is defined by the project book, that is the rule members must follow. **Photography Exhibits, please refer to specific sizing guidelines under the Photography Section in the FairBook.** Photos need to be mounted or matted with a material strong enough to withstand transport and display (cardboard, mat board, poster board, etc.).
11. The Cooperative Extension Service, The Lincoln County Fair Board and the Lincoln County 4-H Council will take every precaution for the safety of visitors and exhibits, but assumes no liability for personal injury or for loss or damage to any property of the concessionaire, exhibitor or patron due to theft, fire or other causes.
12. Exhibitors (individual 4-H and FFA members) are restricted to **one exhibit per Indoor Entry Class.**
13. All exhibits must be current year 4-H/FFA work and done by the exhibitor.
14. **4-Hers must be enrolled in the project and meet project requirements.** Judging will be based on the standards listed in the 4-H project book. Judges will determine the merit of each exhibit. Should space be limited, only the top placing exhibits will be displayed after judging.
15. Indoor Exhibits that **did not place 1st through 4th**, may be claimed **Friday, August 8 between 2:00-4:00pm or Saturday, August 9 between 9:00-11:00am. Items placing 1st -4th will be kept by the 4H Office and taken and entered on behalf of the exhibitor to NMSF (1st place items) and ENMSF(1st through 4th place items). Extension Office will coordinate pick-up of Baked Goods before State and Eastern Fairs.**
16. Those who have not abided by the above rules may only enter exhibits under Open Youth Division. However, not all 4-H exhibits have a correlating Open Youth Division category.

## NMSF 4-H Indoor Exhibit Size Guidelines

### Posters

- Maximum size: 14" x 22" (half of a standard poster board).
- Defined as any flat paper, foam board, cardboard, or other backing suitable for wall display.
- No stands permitted—must be wall-appropriate.

### Display Boards

- Maximum size: 18" x 48" (half of a standard tri-fold display board).
- Defined as scored, freestanding science boards found at school supply stores.
- Must be freestanding by folding in the sides slightly.

### Other Exhibit Boards

- Base size for three-dimensional vertical displays: No larger than 20" x 20" x 20".
- Defined as exhibits with a solid base where the display rises vertically (e.g., Small Engines, Self-Determined, or other 3-D exhibits).

### Project-Specific Boards

- Some projects have specific size guidelines in the project book (e.g., Leathercraft, Braiding).
- If a project book specifies dimensions, members must follow those rules.

### Photography Entries

- Single Photos:
  - Sizes: 3½" x 5", 4" x 6", or 5" x 7".
  - Must be mounted on an 8" x 10" backing without frames or glass.
  - Include a caption.
- Photo Sets (3-5 photos):
  - Sizes: 3½" x 5" or 4" x 6".
  - Mounted on an 11" x 14" backing (4-5 photos go on a 14" x 22" backing).
  - No frames or glass; each photo must have a caption.
  - Backing must be sturdy enough for transport.
- Photography SD (Self-Determined) Category:
  - Posters and display boards must follow the guidelines listed above.

### Lego Exhibits

- Base: Must have a sturdy base separate from the one included with Legos.
- Security: Legos must be secured to prevent pieces from falling off when moved.
- Size Limits: **No larger than 12" W x 18" L x 16" H.**
- Entries exceeding these limits will NOT be accepted—NO EXCEPTIONS.

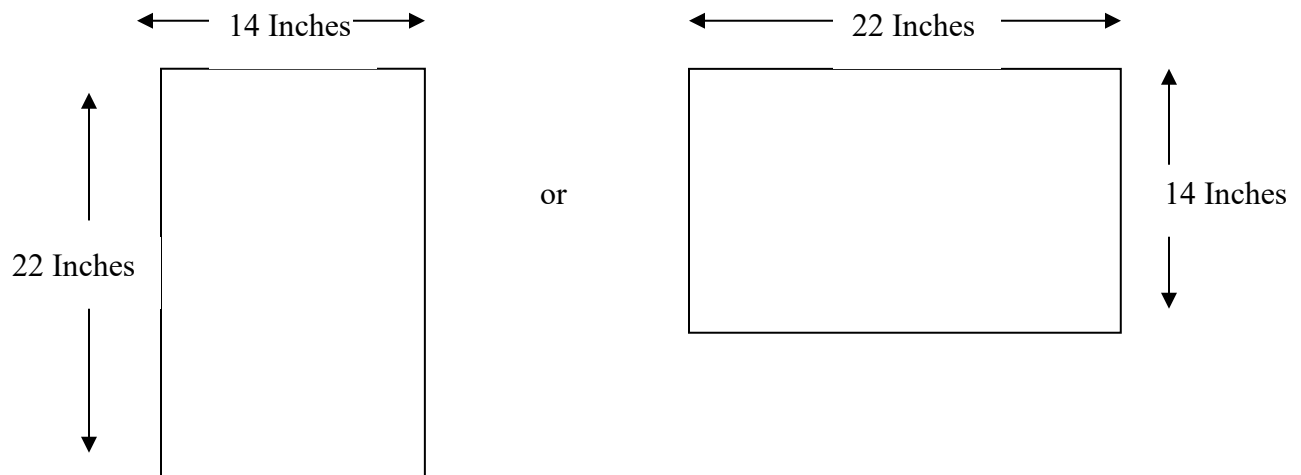
### Oversized Items

- Due to space and security limitations, extremely large or heavy exhibits (e.g., Woods, Welding) may not be accepted. Oversized items are not guaranteed to be displayed.
- Counties **must** contact State Office for approval before submitting large projects.

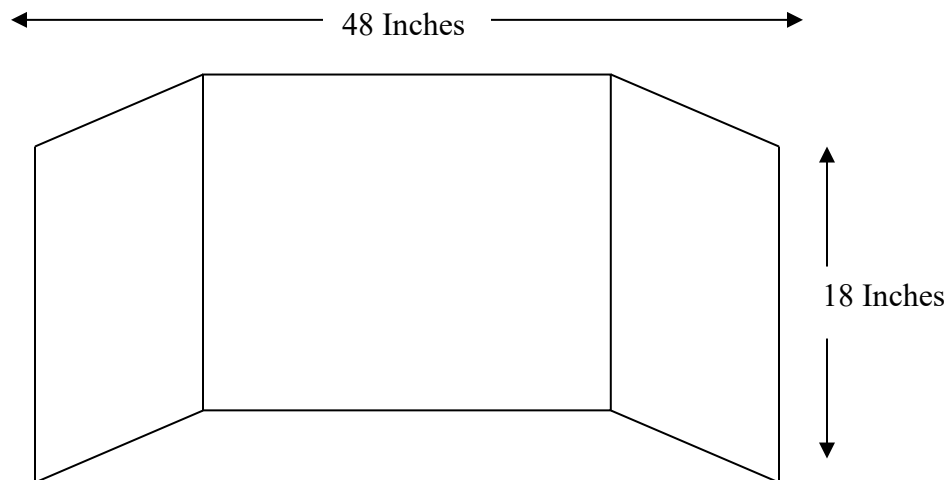
### General Policies

- Enter at your own risk.
- While we handle exhibits with care, some risk of damage exists.
- Displayed to the best of our ability. Items will be displayed as effectively as possible.
- Display cases will not be opened to reposition items unless they are upside down or mislabeled.

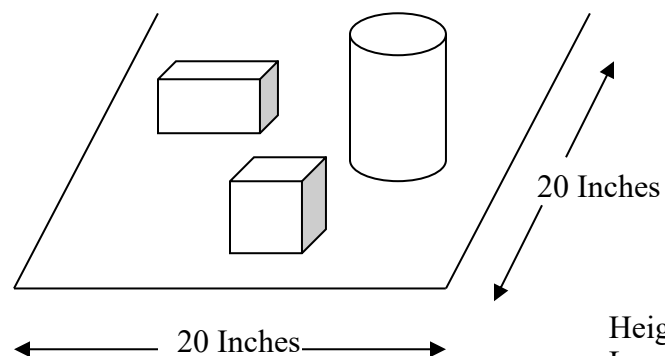
**Posters** – flat displays appropriate for hanging on the wall.



**Display Board** – such as a scored, freestanding science board



**Vertical Displays** – solid base with a 3-D exhibit that rises from it



Height not to exceed 20 inches.  
Length not to exceed 20 inches.  
Width not to exceed 20 inches.