

4-H Membership Age Policy – effective September 1, 2015

Membership age of youth participation is determined by the youth's age as of September 1 of the current program year (September 1 – August 31). The minimum age of a 4-H'er is 5 years old and the maximum age for a 4-H'er is 18 years old, or completion of high school, whichever comes first. Youth whose membership age is beyond 18 who have qualified for a National Contest (as a culminating event for their project learning) shall be eligible to participate in the event as long as they qualify as per National Contest policies. Youth classified as an "exceptional student" and thus determined eligible for a special program by the State Board of Education [Florida Statute 1003.01(3)(a)] shall be eligible to participate in 4-H until the age of 21 years old (National 4-H upper age limit) or completion of high school, whichever comes first.