

NATURAL FIBER CONTEST

4-H Natural Fiber Contest

Overview

The 4-H Fashion Sensation Natural Fiber Contest is designed to recognize 4-H members who have completed a Clothing and Textiles project. The following objectives are taught in the Clothing and Textiles project: knowledge of fibers and fabrics, wardrobe selection, clothing construction, comparison shopping, fashion interpretation, understanding of style, good grooming, poise in front of others, and personal presentation skills. 4-H members participating in the Natural Fiber Contest are encouraged to study, promote, and use cotton, wool, and mohair—natural fibers produced in Texas.

Purpose

The Fashion Sensation Natural Fiber Contest provides an opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit the skills learned related to Cotton and Wool/Mohair while recognizing 4-H members who do outstanding work in a project that includes the study of cotton or wool and mohair.

Natural Fiber

4-H members who have placed first in the district Natural Fiber Contest (SENIOR ONLY COMPETITION) may enter the Natural Fiber Contest at the District 12 4-H Fashion Show. District winners in the Fashion Show category in buying or construction division are no longer able to compete in the Natural Fiber Contest, unless they win the district Natural Fiber Contest. If a participant is a district Fashion Show buying or construction winner and a district Natural Fiber winner, they may compete in both contests at state.

Eligibility Requirements

The requirements given below apply to senior members who plan to participate in the district contest. Failure to comply with the requirements will result in disqualification or penalty deductions from the final score.

1. Youth may participate in 4-H year from September 1st of grade nine through August 31st following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions.
 - Maximum age – 18 (as of August 31, 2019)Seniors: Grade 9, 10, 11 and 12.
2. Participants must complete a 4-H clothing project between June 10, 2019, and the district contest deadline, March 24, 2020. All garments/ensembles to be judged must have been purchased (renting a garment is not permitted) or constructed during participation in a 4-H clothing project between June 10, 2019 and the district contest entry deadline.
3. The Natural Fiber Contest has two categories: cotton and wool/mohair. Entry in the Natural Fiber Contest does not have to be the same entry as the Fashion Show Buying or Construction entry. The 4-H member must choose a category at the county level and compete in that category at all levels. The entry worn at the district contest must be the one worn at the county and state contest. Accessories such as shoes, jewelry, hat, gloves, and scarfs 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. No one may change divisions or categories between district and state contests.

4. The garment selected can be constructed or purchased. A complete outfit, except for a blouse or shirt under the garment, is made of the eligible fashion fabric. Examples include: jacket and pants made of wool, but shirt or blouse does not need to be made of wool; a full-length coat made of eligible fashion fabric worn over a garment of any fiber content. Lining fabric, interfacing fabric, and trims are not required to meet the fiber content requirements.
5. Once a contestant has won first place at the state contest in one category (cotton or wool/mohair), he/she is no longer eligible to compete in that category.
6. Garments need to meet the specific requirements of either Wool/Mohair/Alpaca or Cotton. See the table below for specific requirements.
7. If the Fashion Show Natural Fiber Entry Form does not show that the entry meets the eligibility requirements, the entry will be disqualified.

Cotton	Wool/Mohair/Alpaca
Each garment entered must contain a minimum of 60% cotton. Knowledge of fiber characteristics, production, and end use is required.	Each garment entered must contain a minimum of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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

**2020 Texas 4-H Fashion Show
 Score Sheet
 Natural Fiber**

Name: _____ County: _____ District: _____

Fiber Category: Cotton Wool/Mohair

Factors to Consider	Total Value	Comments	Actual Score
Project goals and activities (15%)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project goals indicate project focus and direction 	5		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing and textiles activities adequate, consumer and life skills learned, suitable for experience level 	5		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates involvement in project 	5		
Knowledge of fiber characteristics and uses (40%)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies fiber characteristics that are important in apparel 	10		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garment makes good use of fiber characteristics 	10		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of fiber, fabric, and garment care requirements 	10		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garment meets competition eligibility requirements 	10		
Promotion of Natural Fiber (30%)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared knowledge of natural fiber with the public 	10		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding of fiber source and production process 	10		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Involved in promotion of natural fiber use 	10		
Appearance, fit, and fashion ability (15%)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garment is an appropriate fit for the body 	5		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garment and accessories fashionable and appropriate 	5		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modeling and presentation skills, poise and grooming 	5		
Total Score	100		
		Judge's Initials	

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4-H Fashion Show – Natural Fiber Possible Interview Questions

Project goals and activities

- Describe your clothing and textiles project goals. Describe how your project goals guided your project work.
- Describe your clothing and textiles project activities. What was your favorite activity?
- How did you connect your clothing and textile project work with community service?
- What community service activities were you involved with?

Knowledge of fiber characteristics and uses

- Why is this fiber a good choice for your garment? Describe fiber characteristics that make it suitable for the intended use of the garment.
- How will you care for this garment? Is there any additional cost to consider when caring for this garment?
- What is the fiber content of your garment? Describe two qualities of each fiber.

Promotion of natural fiber

- How would you promote your natural fiber to others?
- How is use of natural fibers in clothing important to the Texas economy?
- Describe the process for taking your natural fiber and making it in to cloth.

Appearance, fit and fashion ability

- How does this outfit meet your clothing needs?
- How often do you plan to use the outfit/accessories?
- Do you have a clothing budget?