

Horse Validation Information – Instructions for Families

- Registration papers for registered horses **MUST** be uploaded.
- In order to be eligible for breed specific awards, correct registration papers for that breed must be uploaded. If the horse is registered with more than one association, then multiple sets of registration papers can be uploaded.
- If registration papers are in the process of being transferred, select/list **PENDING** in the Registration # box. The transfer process **MUST** be completed and submitted to the District and State Offices **BEFORE** May 1st, or the horse will be ineligible to compete at the District and State 4-H Horse Shows.
- The correct owner **MUST** be listed on the registration papers.
- Owners **MUST** be the youth, parent (biological or stepparent), brother, sister, grandparent, or legal guardian.
- Horses owned in partnership or jointly with any other person not listed above do **NOT** meet ownership requirements.
- Horses **CANNOT** be leased, rented, borrowed, or loaned.
- Youth showing futurity horses **MUST** be 12 years old or older and in at least the 6th grade, as of September 1 of the current 4-H year.
- There is no limit to the number of horses that can be validated. You are encouraged to validate all horses that may possibly be shown at district and/or state shows. Only state validated horses can be substituted in the event that a validated horse becomes unusable due to lameness, sickness, etc.

Horses in the following divisions must show in at least one class within the division at the District 4-H Horse Show to be eligible to show in all the classes within the division at the State 4-H Horse Show.

- Halter Division
- Geldings – 5 & Over, 4 & Under
- Mares – 5 & Over, 4 & Under
- Judged Western Division (showmanship, western pleasure, western horsemanship, western riding, trail)
- Hunter Flat Division (hunter showmanship, hunter under saddle, hunt seat equitation, hunt seat versatility)
- Speed Events Division (barrels, poles, stakes, goat tying)
- Yearling Halter Gelding Futurity Division
- Yearling Halter Filly Futurity Division
- Yearling Futurity Division
- 2-Year-Old Futurity Division
- 3-Year-Old Futurity Division

PAYMENT AND STATUS

ANIMAL VALIDATION CAN ONLY BE PAID FOR WITH A CREDIT CARD.

- The family can submit payment of \$10.00 per horse (\$20.00 after April 15th, or \$250 from May 1st to May 5th), in the form of a **credit card ONLY**.
 - From March 1 – April 15, the validation cost for each horse is \$10.00. The \$10.00 cost is only guaranteed if the animal validation is approved by the county office by the April 15th deadline and the payment is processed.
 - From April 16 – May 1, the validation cost for each horse is \$20.00. The \$20.00 cost is only guaranteed if the animal validation is approved by the county office by the May 1st deadline and the payment is processed.
- Any validation that has a status of incomplete, resubmit, pending or payment due is not guaranteed the amount charged when it was created and is not yet considered validated.
- You will get an automated email notice from 4H Online when your County Extension Agent has approved your horse. This approval does NOT guarantee eligibility. After it is approved at the county level, your validation will then be reviewed at the state level. You will be notified by June 1st if there are any issues with your validation at the state level.

If you have questions about Texas 4-H Horse Validation, please contact your County Extension Agent.

**COUNTY OFFICES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE PAYMENT ON THE LAST SCREEN.
THE CREDIT CARD AREA WILL ONLY SHOW UP IF LOGGED IN USING A FAMILY
EMAIL AND FAMILY PASSWORD.**

For helpful one-pagers and resources, please visit: <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/>

Validation walk-through video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8drSWuiZ_o