



Welcome to the largest youth organization in Texas! Texas has more than 550,000 youth who are involved in 4-H experiences each year and we are pleased that you have decided to join 4-H! If you are new to 4-H, here is some information about our enrollment process and how we need your partnership in getting your membership entered and active!

**4-H ENROLLMENT:** Each year on August 14th all membership in Texas 4-H goes to inactive and all youth and adult volunteers must re-enroll. Youth members are required to pay a \$20.00 participation fee if enrolled by October 31st, and a \$25.00 fee from November 1st to the completion of the 4-H year. Adults pay a \$10.00 volunteer applicant fee. Adults and youth will need to enroll on 4HConnect and be active to be considered an official member of Texas 4-H. An active enrollment is required in order to register and participate in all 4-H activities and events.

Enrollment payment methods, procedures and additional fees may vary in each county, so check with your local county Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office for more information ([counties.agrilife.org](http://counties.agrilife.org)). When you are enrolling in 4-H and you arrive at the invoice/payment screen, you will be able to add your credit card information into the system or select the club/county (no personal checks allowed) check payment option. If the club/county check option is visible, please make sure you are allowed to use it. Some counties require all enrollment to be paid by credit card. If you are allowed to use the club/county check option you are responsible for writing a check to your club/county 4-H Program which in return will send a club/county check to the Texas 4-H Youth Program. *Once a payment method has been selected and enrollment submitted the payment type cannot be changed.*

## 4HCONNECT is...

- The official Texas 4-H Youth Development Program database for enrolled 4-H members and volunteers.
- A secured database that is in compliance with the PCI Security Standards Council. The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and the 4HOnline company work closely to monitor and ensure the highest level of protection for information stored on the system. Texas 4-H, nor 4HOnline, does not share or sell any personal information to third party vendors without your knowledge or permission.
- Based on "zero-based enrollment." This means that each year at the start of the enrollment cycle membership in Texas 4-H goes to zero and everyone must re-enroll. This process is based on federal accounting policies.
- A partnership between the 4-H family and the county Extension Office. We encourage all 4-H families to become familiar with 4-H CONNECT in order to prevent "meltdowns" at crucial times of enrollment, animal validation or registration! Please work with the county Extension Office for any questions or problems you maybe experiencing with the system.
- NOT a database for counties/clubs/families to enter family members (i.e. siblings, grandparents, etc) that are not directly involved as a 4-H member or volunteer.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Most questions can be answered by calling your county extension office. ([counties.agrilife.org/](http://counties.agrilife.org/))
- You are not a member or a volunteer of Texas 4-H until you have an ACTIVE status listed on your profile in 4-H CONNECT.
- 4-H members CANNOT register for an event/contest until the member profile is ACTIVE. If the county requires paper enrollment forms, that office has to enter enrollment information into the 4-H CONNECT system as well.
- Adult Volunteers are required to be screened through the Texas 4-H Youth Protection Standards program every three years.
- The Texas 4-H Program does not accept any personal checks for participation fees, animal validations or event registrations.
- A youth that is 8 years old and going into the 3rd grade must wait until September 1st to enroll for proper fees to be accessed in the system.

To help ensure your first time enrollment, or your re-enrollment, is as easy as possible, this document has been developed to lead you through the process. Please read and contact your county Extension Office if you have any questions prior to you beginning the enrollment process. ([counties.agrilife.org/](http://counties.agrilife.org/))



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