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Signature of 4-H Educator

in “County of Residence”\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of 4-H Educator

in “County of Request” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Request For 4-H Membership Across County Lines

REQUEST FORMS DUE FEBRUARY 1

(This form is to be submitted by all youth who wish to belong to 4-H in any county other than the county where they live.)

Steps to follow:

1. Complete the form fully.
2. Send to the Extension Office in which 4-H membership is being requested (County of Request), at least 1 month prior to the membership deadline.
3. The 4-H Educators in your County of Residence and the County of Request will review your request. Please be aware that Ohio 4-H rules state that “any change motivated by perceived competitive or sale advantage, any change due to controversial issues, or other similar motivations will be automatically rejected”. There must be a 4-H program in both counties (i.e. requests cannot be made as a result of a failed levy or as a result of the Extension office closing in a county due to lack of funding).
4. The 4-H Educator in the “County of Request” will respond to you with the joint decision.



Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ School District Attending: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

County of Request: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4-H Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club

Requesting to Join: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Club Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PREVIOUS MEMBERS ONLY:**

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What Counties: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Projects Taken: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ALL APPLICANTS:**

What project(s) will you be taking during the coming year? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Why are you seeking 4-H membership outside your county of residence?

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**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4-H Membership Across County Lines

Policy

Youth are expected to affiliate with the 4-H program in their county of residence or

receive approval for membership outside their county of residence.

**Procedures**

Ohio State University Extension administers the 4-H youth development education

program whose mission is to develop youth to reach their fullest potential as capable,

competent, caring, and contributing citizens. Each county in Ohio conducts the 4-H

youth development program to accomplish this goal.

In order to affirm Ohio State University Extension’s position concerning cross county

(and/or cross state line) 4-H membership and to establish guidelines in this area to fulfill

the above mission, the following philosophy and process statements are provided.

(1) 4-H membership in two counties simultaneously is not permitted.

(2) Cross state line membership will be considered the same as for cross county

membership.

(3) In situations where the county of residence does not have a 4-H program (due to

financial or other reasons), youth may not join 4-H in another county; previously

approved cross county or cross state membership will be revoked.

(4) In situations where membership in a county other than the county of residence is

desired, the Educators in both counties must be in agreement regarding the

application. The agreement will be based upon their professional judgment in

accord with the mission of the organization and is not to supersede #3.

(5) Consideration for membership may not be motivated by perceived competitive or

sale advantage in another county, any change due to controversial issues, or other

similar motivations.

(6) Parents, guardians, and/or youth should become familiar with all policies,

procedures, and guidelines for the county that they wish to be members. Some

Ohio counties may limit participation in the county Junior Fair to those that reside

in the county.

(7) Any consideration for membership in a county other than the county of residence,

within the limits of this policy and not addressed by the above statements should

be brought to the attention of the County Extension Director by the County

Extension 4-H Educator. This team will work with the Assistant Director, 4-H

Youth Development or Associate State 4-H Leader to identify a course of action

in these special situations.

Approved by OSU Extension Administrative Cabinet: 12/93; 4/07

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