



# ACROSS COUNTY LINES 4-H MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

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1. Any youth who wishes to join 4-H in Scioto County, but does not permanently reside in Scioto County, must submit an application for membership by the county deadline of March 1 of the current 4-H program year.
2. Applications are available from the advisor's project requirements, the local OSU Extension office or the OSU Extension Website at <http://scioto.osu.edu>
3. The completed application should be sent first to the Extension Office located in the county the youth wishes to engage membership.
4. The 4-H Agent in the county of request will then review your request with the 4-H Agent in the youth's county of residence.
5. Scioto County requests will be screened according to Ohio 4-H Rules and county policies. Please be aware that "any change motivated by perceived competitive or sale advantage, any change due to controversial issues, or other similar motivations will be automatically rejected."
6. Applications must be received in Scioto County by **March 1** of the current 4-H year in order for the youth to compete in the Scioto County Fair. The youth must also meet any other animal identification deadlines or guidelines specific to their project to establish their eligibility. If approved, applications received after March 1 will be eligible for all 4-H activities **except** project exhibition and competition at the Scioto County Fair and Ohio State Fair.
7. Youth may be considered for 4-H membership in Scioto County if they attend a school in Scioto County, or their custodial parent or guardian, permanently resides in Scioto County. Special circumstances beyond these two situations must be documented in detail on the application and will be considered on a case by case basis. **Proof of such residency or enrollment must accompany their application. A letter from the school or post office in the child's name is appropriate. Applications without such documented proof or those missing information will be ineligible for consideration.**
8. The Scioto County 4-H Educators will submit appropriate applications to the 4-H Committee for approval each year. Scioto County head club advisors will be notified of the potential member's approval or disapproval. Applicants approved for membership to neighboring counties will be referred to the 4-H Educator in the county of request.
9. Applications are valid for only the current 4-H project year. They must be resubmitted annually by the application deadline (or earlier if a change in circumstances warrant it) in order to maintain a 4-Hers membership.
10. Questions concerning the *Across County Line* application process should be forwarded to the Scioto County Extension Office, 602 Seventh Street, Room 7, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662 or phone 354-7879.

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If you have questions concerning access, wish to request a sign language interpreter or accommodations for a disability, please contact the Scioto County Extension office at 740-354-7879 or e-mail us at: [scio@postoffice.ag.ohio-state.edu](mailto:scio@postoffice.ag.ohio-state.edu)

The Ohio State University, The United States Department of Agriculture, and Scioto County Commissioners Cooperating.

# REQUEST FOR 4-H MEMBERSHIP ACROSS COUNTY LINES

Applications are due to the OSU Extension office by **March 1 of the current year.**

(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 and attached required documentation. Incomplete forms or documents will result in the application not being considered.
2. Send to the OSU Extension office in which 4-H membership is being requested ("County of Request").
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".
4. The 4-H Educator in the "County of Residence" will respond to you with the joint decision.

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Date of Request \_\_\_\_\_ School District Attended \_\_\_\_\_  
County of Request \_\_\_\_\_ County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### PREVIOUS MEMBERS ONLY:

Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ What counties \_\_\_\_\_ Projects taken \_\_\_\_\_

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### ALL APPLICANTS:

What projects 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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Club Requested to Join \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Club Advisor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

### For Office Use Only

\_\_\_\_ Approve with restrictions as follows:

\_\_\_\_ Not approved

Signature of Educator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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