

## Member Requirements

### Who Can [Join Your 4-H Team](#)?

Boys and girls, age 5 and in Kindergarten through age 18 as of January 1st of the current year may join your 4-H team. Youth may join anytime throughout the year. However, to be eligible to participate in Junior Fair at the local and state level, members must meet your county's enrollment deadline. Contact your [County Extension Educator](#) to request 4-H club enrollment information.

***4-H team selection begins with players, age 5 and in Kindergarten through age 18 as of January 1st.***

### How Do Cloverbuds & Project Members Differ?

The Ohio 4-H Program has specific eligibility and program requirements for 4-H Cloverbuds and 4-H Project Members. We consider both 4-H club members. You must plan club programs to meet both types of members, if you choose to include both in your club. The [Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Program](#) has set parameters for Cloverbud participation for complete details refer to the Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Advisor Manual available from the Extension Office.

### Can Members Join Across County and State Lines?

Youth may only be a 4-H member in one U.S. county during a given 4-H year. Youth may not be a member in two counties or two states simultaneously. We encourage youth to join a club in their local community. However, some youth due to personal circumstances may choose to apply for across county line membership.

Have the member complete the [Across County Line 4-H Membership Form](#) and submit to the 4-H Educator(s) in the county of request. 4-H Extension Educators from both counties will review and respond to the family in writing. Members only need to complete once, unless special circumstances warrant a future request.

4-H Educators will grant requests when:

- A positive educational experience will result.
- Competition or sale advantage is not the motive.
- An unresolved controversial issue is not pending.