

October 1, 2025

Dear Franklin County 4-H Members--

It is time to re-enroll in the Franklin County 4-H Program! This process must be repeated each year in order to partake in 4-H programs and events. Please review the information below, as there are a few changes this year that everyone needs to be aware of.

### **4-H Member Enrollment**

For regular 4-H members (grades 3-12), enrollment costs \$25. For Mini 4-H members (grades K-2), enrollment is free. Payment can be made online via credit card or in person via check (made payable to Purdue Extension CES) or cash. Enrollment will not be approved until payment is collected.

### **Franklin County 4-H Handbook**

Please refer to the 2024-25 handbook for program opportunities and guidelines. This can be accessed on our website ([extension.purdue.edu/county/franklin](https://extension.purdue.edu/county/franklin)). These guidelines are subject to change. An updated handbook will be available early 2026. Any changes will be communicated at that time.

### **Important Dates**

Please keep in mind the following dates in regards to 4-H enrollment and exhibit entry:

- 4-H Enrollment: October 1-January 15 via 4-H Online
  - This is what you should do now in order to ensure you are on our contact list and are able to partake in 4-H events. You will select your clubs and project interests via 4-H Online. You will also utilize 4-H Online to sign up for events, etc. Please make sure you keep your contact information and address updated on both your member profile and family profile. If you need help with this, reach out to the office and we can provide assistance.
- Animal Data Entry: October 1-May 15 via 4-H Online
  - If a 4-H member is exhibiting animals (excluding dog and poultry) at the county or state fair, they must enter animal data on 4-H Online by May 15. More instructions regarding animal data entry will be available at a later date.
- Fair Entry: TBD (typically mid-June for two weeks) via Fair Entry
  - This is where 4-H exhibitors will enter their exact exhibits they plan to bring to fair. This includes which classes they will enter their livestock, what Arts and Crafts projects they are exhibiting, etc. More instructions regarding Fair Entry will be available at a later date.

## 4-H Club Changes

Laurel Willing Workers and Udder Cream Gang are not continuing as clubs this year. If this was your club in the past, please select a new club. Refer to the handbook on page 22-23 (regular 4-H) and page 30 (mini 4-H) for more information on clubs. As always, reach out if you would like to learn more about clubs.

## Project List and Special Instructions

Before enrolling on 4-H Online, please take a look at the project list and special instructions below. There are some projects and clubs that go hand-in-hand so I recommend that you sign up for both (i.e., Dog Obedience and the 4 Paws Dog Club). You are welcome to sign up for more than one 4-H Club as well. Please see below for more information on each project.

- 4-H Achievement (county only project)
- Aerospace
- Animal Education
  - This used to be called *Livestock Poster*.
- Archery
  - Please make sure to also sign up for the Sharp Shooters 4-H Club.
- Arts and Crafts
  - This includes Basketry, Gift Wrapping, Pottery, Recycling, Scrapbooking, Beading, Ceramics, Contemporary Ceramics, Holiday Décor, Latch Hook, String Art, Miscellaneous. You will sign up for the specific subcategory during Fair Entry in June.
- ATV Safety
- Beef
- Beekeeping
- Cake Decorating
- Child Development
- Collections (county only project)
- Computers
- Construction and Architectural Replica
  - This includes all Lego projects.
- Consumer Clothing
- Consumer Clothing – Fashion Revue
- Dairy
- Dairy Beef
- Dairy Goats
- Dog
  - Please make sure to also sign up for the 4 Paws Dog Club.
- Electric
- Communications
  - This includes Creative Writing and Public Speaking. You will sign up for the specific subcategory during Fair Entry in June.
- Crops (county only project)
  - This includes Corn, Soybeans, Hay, Tobacco, and Wheat. You will sign up for the specific subcategory during Fair Entry in June.
- Electric
- Entomology
- Fine Arts
- Floriculture
- Foods
  - This includes Baked and Preservation. You will sign up for the specific subcategory during Fair Entry in June.
- Forestry

- Garden
  - This includes Herbs, Garden, and Potatoes. You will sign up for the specific subcategory during Fair Entry in June.
- Genealogy
- Geology
- Health
- History (county only project)
- Home Environment
- International Studies (county only project)
- Horse and Pony
  - While it is not mandatory, it is recommended to also sign up for the Mustangers 4-H Club.
- Junior Leaders
  - This is a leadership project for youth in grades 7-12. Please make sure to also sign up for the Junior Leaders Club.
- Lawn and Garden Tractor Safety and Operator Skills
- Meat Goats
- Model Craft
- Muzzleloader
  - Please make sure to also sign up for the Sharp Shooters 4-H Club.
- Needle Craft
- Pets (county only project)
- Photography
- Pistol
  - Please make sure to also sign up for the Sharp Shooters 4-H Club.
- Poultry
- Pygmy Goats
- Rabbits
- Rifle
  - Please make sure to also sign up for the Sharp Shooters 4-H Club.
- Sewing
- Sewing – Fashion Revue
- Sheep
- Shotgun
  - Please make sure to also sign up for the Trap Masters 4-H Club.
- Small Engines
- Soil and Water Science
- Sportfishing
- Swine
- Sports (county only project)
- Talent (county only project)
- Tractor Safety and Operator Skills
- Veterinary Science
- Weather and Climate Science
- Wildlife
- Woodworking
- Zero-Turn Mower Safety and Operator Skills

- Mini 4-H Projects
  - Mini 4-H Bicycle
  - Mini 4-H Collections
  - Mini 4-H Crafts
  - Mini 4-H Dairy Goats
  - Mini 4-H Dinosaurs
  - Mini 4-H Dog Obedience
  - Mini 4-H Exploring Farm Animals
  - Mini 4-H Foods
  - Mini 4-H Forestry
  - Mini 4-H Gardening
  - Mini 4-H Horse and Pony
  - Mini 4-H Meat Goats
  - Mini 4-H Models
  - Mini 4-H Pets
  - Mini 4-H Plants & Flowers
  - Mini 4-H Poultry
  - Mini 4-H Rabbit
  - Mini 4-H Reading
  - Mini 4-H Sewing
  - Mini 4-H Sheep
  - Mini 4-H Swine
  - Mini 4-H Sun, Stars & Space
  - Mini 4-H Whales & Dolphins
  - Mini 4-H Wildlife Adventure
  - Mini 4-H Woodworking
- Please note that Mini 4-H members may only enter in the projects designated as Mini 4-H projects. Please select each project you plan to exhibit in, and **do NOT select the plain “Mini 4-H” project.** This will help the office staff provide the correct project books to distribute next spring.
- Mini 4-H: Exploring Farm Animals is a static (non-walking) project. If you would like to exhibit in an animal show, please select the Mini 4-H animal species project (i.e., Mini 4-H Sheep). Most Mini 4-H animal shows will take place at the conclusion of the regular 4-H animal show.

As always, if there is anything I can do to help you with enrollment, please reach out!

Thank you,

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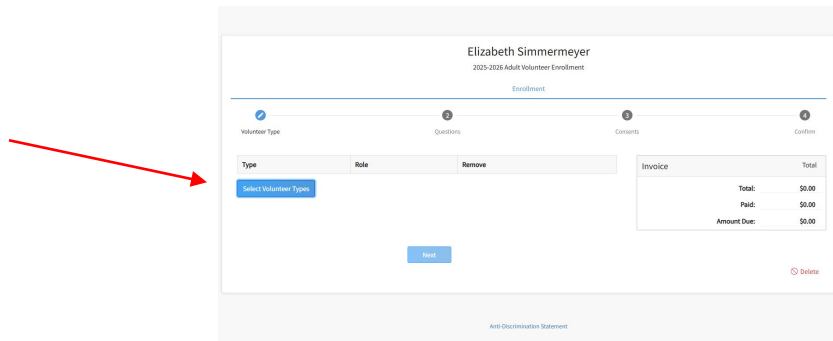
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# Volunteer Enrollment – Please Read Before Enrolling

It's that time again—volunteer enrollment is now open! All volunteers are required to re-enroll each year through **4-H Online (v2.4honline.com)**. Please remember that volunteers cannot work with youth or make decisions on behalf of Indiana 4-H until enrollment has been approved.

## Step 1: Select Volunteer Types

Login to your 4-H Online account. Next to your name, you will select “enroll now.” One of the very first steps in enrollment is choosing your “**volunteer types**.” When you click this option, a drop-down menu will appear with four categories, and each one includes additional roles you can add.



The screenshot shows the 'Enrollment' page for Elizabeth Simmermeyer. The page has a progress bar with four steps: 1. Volunteer Type, 2. Questions, 3. Consents, and 4. Confirm. The 'Volunteer Type' section is active and contains a table with columns 'Type', 'Role', and 'Remove'. A blue button labeled 'Select Volunteer Types' is highlighted by a red arrow. To the right of the table is an 'Invoice' section showing a total of \$0.00. At the bottom of the page is an 'Anti-Discrimination Statement' link.

**This step is very important.** It was added last year as a requirement from the **State 4-H Office**. Please be sure to select *all* of your roles with Franklin County 4-H. If a role is left off, I'll need to send your enrollment back for revision.

To help, I've included a breakdown of roles below. Many of our volunteers serve in more than one role, so **please select everything that applies**. If you're unsure, go ahead and check all possible roles—you can always add more later.

Once roles are chosen, you'll e-sign the matching role descriptions. This process is in place to protect you as an Indiana 4-H volunteer.

<b>Club Volunteer</b>	Club Organizational Leader	This is for club leaders for all clubs, including subject matter clubs. Check the handbook- if your name is listed as a club leader, you should enroll as a club leader. If the handbook needs updated, please let me know.
	4-H Affiliate Member	This is for 4-H Association Board of Directors ONLY.
	Shooting Sports Coordinator	This is for Kevin DeFossett ONLY.
	Shooting Sports Instructor	This is for CERTIFIED shooting sports instructors – Kevin D, Logan D, Bill B, Tori B, Donald A, Justin L, Josh S.
	Associate Shooting Sports Instructor	This does not apply to anyone in Franklin County as of 10/1/2025.
	Unit Volunteer	This does not apply to anyone in Franklin County as of 10/1/2025.
<b>Program Volunteer</b>	General Program Volunteer	<b>EVERYONE</b> should select this role in addition to other applicable roles.
	SPARK Club Volunteer	This does not apply to anyone in Franklin County as of 10/1/2025.
<b>New Applicant</b>	New Volunteer Application	This is for everyone who is enrolling as a volunteer for the first time. Choose this in addition to the other roles you would like to assume.
<b>Project Volunteer</b>	Subject Matter/Project Leader	This is for committee members (livestock, static, etc.) and those who work specifically with 4-H members in a particular project area (horse, dog, shotgun, archery, etc.). This is also for those volunteers who are hosting a project-specific workshop (cake decorating, sewing, etc.).

## **Additional Steps**

After selecting roles, you'll complete:

- **Screening questions** (required before I can approve your enrollment).
- **Training modules/videos** (these vary by role and tenure).  
Note: There is still a known glitch where videos may show as “in progress” even after completion. If this happens, just send me an email so I can mark it complete for you.

**Key Reminder:** Take time to carefully select *all* of your roles during enrollment and let me know if the 4-H Online system is not marking your training “complete” to avoid delays in approval.

I am excited for another great year with Franklin County 4-H volunteers—thank you for everything you do!