



Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program Overview

For 2024 ***only*** there are two different options for becoming an Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistant. This process will be changing in the 2024- 2025 Indiana 4-H Program Year. Please review the options below to ensure you complete the necessary process.

Option 1 : If you are new to the program complete the 5 Animal Ethics and Adult Expectations online modules attached in this Qualtrics Survey, complete your application via this Qualtrics Survey, and also submit a copy of your valid Indiana driver's license via this Qualtrics. Located here:

https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2ugO9kFH9ENJWWa

Option 2 : If you completed the program in 2023, please select that option to proceed to complete the Adult Expectations, application and submit your valid Indiana driver's license.

https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2ugO9kFH9ENJWWa If you are unsure if completed the program in 2023, please contact your local Extension Office to have them check the list.

Both processes are done via Qualtrics Survey, so no paper applications are available. Once a background check is completed with no issues and verification of the completion of the Animal Ethics and Adult Expectations modules is ensured, you will receive an email in mid- July confirming your participation. Counties can access the list to ensure you are in compliance of the program. **Please note these reports are updated and pulled weekly, so do not delay in completion as we will not be able to accommodate expedited approvals.**

The modules we ask those enrolled in the program to complete are intended to reiterate the importance of providing a foundation for 4-H families to start a conversation about livestock ethics, understanding of why rules are in place, and also understanding the role of the approved animal groomer. The modules help to ensure 4-H parents and adult mentors realize they are representatives of a larger livestock industry and give them tools to communicate effectively with the general public on behalf of that community. Last but certainly not least, the modules ensure animals in the Indiana 4-H Program are treated with the utmost care.

All of the information is located in this Qualtrics Survey and once you submit this survey you will have completed all steps to officially enroll in the program for this year.

Once enrolled in the program, you will be able to assist any 4-H member from any county on any animal species. To be enrolled in the program for the Indiana State Fair, the application and necessary steps must be completed by **July 20 annually.**

It is the intent that the 4-H member take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animals. However, it is recognized that all youth need assistance. The purpose of this program is to provide an avenue for equal access to qualified animal grooming assistance. Those enrolled in this program should not see this as a way to do the work for the 4-H member, but should provide hands-on learning opportunities that further the skills and abilities of the 4-H member.

Please note that the program as described above is for the Indiana State Fair. While it is likely that some counties will adopt this policy for their county fairs, those decisions are made by the respective county 4-H councils and/or county 4-H fair boards. Please check with your County Extension Office for specific county fair rules.

4-H Educators will receive a list of Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Groomers to review as confirmation. Refer to local policies for specific deadlines.

Questions- Please contact in4h@purdue.edu .