



McLean County

McLean County 4-H Enrollment

Questions & Answers

Q: When does the 4-H year start and end?

A: September 1 - August 31. 4-H is a year round program, and 4-H clubs typically meet monthly to learn about member interests, and may participate in community service activities.

Q: How old do you have to be to join 4-H?

A: 8 years old by September 1 or in the third grade. *Cloverbuds need to be 5 by September 1.

Q: When can you join 4-H in McLean County?

A: Anytime! However, we do have a deadline of May 1 for participation in the 4-H Fair (McLean County Fair). Some clubs have registration deadlines and they may choose to close registration due to meeting space issues. Please contact the 4-H office if you have questions.

Q: What is the May 1 deadline?

A: We have a May 1 enrollment deadline for youth to declare their 4-H membership in order to exhibit at the 4-H Fair. This allows our members have adequate time to study and prepare an exhibit for show. It also allows for staff and volunteer leaders to assist with preparing the youth and volunteers for the 4-H show.

Q: What is the July 1 deadline?

A: July 1 is the deadline for exhibit entry in the McLean County 4-H Show & Fair. Any 4-H member in McLean County must fill out an entry form to participate in the exhibition. [Click here](#) to go to the McLean County 4-H Fair webpage.

Q: If a youth joins 4-H after the May 1 deadline, can they still receive an award at the end of the 4-H year?

A: Yes. 4-Hers are asked to achieve [Standards of Excellence](#) depending on their age. If someone were to join after the May 1 Enrollment deadline, they may still be recognized as a "standard achieving" member if they meet the standards of excellence for their age group.

For more general questions about 4-H [click here](#).