

**4-H EVENT/OPPORTUNITY:**

2008 State 4-H Fashion Board

**DATE / DEADLINE:**

Completed nominations are due to the State 4-H Office by January 31, 2008, or by the deadline for State 4-H Achievement Awards and Scholarships, whichever is later. County deadlines vary, but are typically in early January.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The State 4-H Fashion Board is the small group of outstanding 4-H teen clothing members selected from across the state to a) assist in conducting the State Fair 4-H Fashion Revue, 4-H clothing workshop sessions, and other events planned by the 4-H clothing committee, and to b) promote Ohio 4-H clothing projects and programs. Each county is invited to nominate one 4-H Fashion Board nominee for 2008. Up to 20 State 4-H Fashion Board members will be selected for one-year terms through an individual and group interview process during Ohio 4-H Teen Conference on Saturday, February 16.

The State 4-H Fashion Board meets in-person four times during the year, with conference calls and committee meetings being scheduled in-between if needed:

- an orientation meeting in mid-June to identify a theme, make plans, and divide assignments for the State Fair 4-H Fashion Revue.
- a July meeting to finalize plans, rehearse, and put together materials just prior to the State Fair 4-H Fashion Revue.
- for four days at the State Fair to carry out their assignments associated with the State 4-H Fashion Revue
- a fall meeting to evaluate and recognize their State 4-H Fashion Revue performance, and to plan their participation in the upcoming spring Ohio 4-H Teen Conference and Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference workshop sessions.

State 4-H Fashion Board members must be present full-time to assist with the 2008 State 4-H Fashion Revue (tentative dates: 1 PM Monday, August 4 through 6:30 PM Thursday, August 7), and must make arrangements to be excused from all other schedule conflicts those four days. 4-H'ers who cannot make this commitment should not be nominated.

In addition, Fashion Board members are expected to be at the other three meetings (and attend Teen Conference and Volunteer Conference), or make arrangements with the Fashion Board Advisors for an excused absence if they cannot attend all the meetings.

**Nomination Process:**

Any 4-H member who has - a) completed a 4-H clothing project in 2007 and b) represented their county at the 2007 State Fair 4-H Fashion Revue or served on their 2007 County 4-H Fashion Board - is eligible to be nominated as their county's one nominee for the 2008 State 4-H Fashion Board. There are no age requirements, but the nominee needs to have enough successful 4-H clothing experience and leadership experience to be able to handle the responsibilities of being a State 4-H Fashion Board member, facilitating class circles and modeling practice at the State 4-H Fashion Revue, and leading sessions at Teen Conference and Volunteer Conference.

Selections will be made through reviews of application materials and interviews. Selection will be based on the nominees' potential for success in completing the roles and responsibilities outlined above, as evidenced by:

- experience and accomplishments in 4-H clothing projects
- past leadership and service related to clothing
- the application/nomination materials,
- how well the individual portrays the "seven clues to a total look" in their state fair 4-H outfit, in the outfit selected for the Teen Conference interviews and in other settings in which they may be observed, and
- performance in the selections interviews.

4-H clothing members who participated in the 2007 State Fair 4-H Fashion Revue or who served on their 2007 County 4-H Fashion Board, and who are interested in being nominated for the 2008 State 4-H Fashion Board should contact their county OSU Extension Office for information about their county's nomination process. The nomination / application form to be completed by the one individual selected as their county's nominee is on the next page.

## 2008 State 4-H Fashion Board Nomination / Application Form

Completed nomination / application forms

- Complete the information requested at the bottom of this page. It is okay to use the back of this page or to attach an extra page if you need more room to list all of your clothing projects or highlights. But please limit your list to no more than what you can fit onto this page and 1 additional page.
- Attach a short essay on this topic: *"Introducing \_\_\_\_\_ (your name) \_\_\_\_\_, a Candidate for the State 4-H Fashion Board!"* Essays should be no more than one page in length, with at least 1" margins on all sides, and no less than 12 point font type (not less than 15 letters per inch). Text from the essays of candidates selected for the 2008 Fashion Board may be posted on a Fashion Board section of the ohio4h.org website. The essay should include a brief overview of your 4-H clothing background and experiences, highlight service or leadership you may have provided related to clothing, explain why you want to be an State 4-H Fashion Board Member, and otherwise let the reader know why you are a good candidate for the State 4-H Fashion Board.
- Attach a letter of recommendation from a County Extension Educator, Extension Master Clothing Educator, your County 4-H Fashion Revue Coordinator, or another unrelated adult who can speak to why you are a good candidate to represent your county's 4-H clothing program as a State 4-H Fashion Board member.
- Attach two full-length photos of yourself – one in the outfit in which you competed at last year's State 4-H Fashion Revue, and the other in a different outfit that shows you know how to put together a "total look"
- Send all the items listed above to Kathryn J. Cox, Extension 4-H Specialist, Youth Development, State 4-H Office, 2120 Fyffe Rd., Columbus, OH 43210-1084 by January 31, 2008 (Fax: 614-292-5937)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ County of 4-H Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_  
 Month Day Year

Please list here the 4-H clothing projects you have completed, and note any county or state awards you received:

Year	Project Name	Honors or Awards Received
Ex.2006 Ex.2007	Example: Clothes for Middle School Example: Dress Up Day Wear	Ex. Grade "A" in County 4-H Fashion Revue Ex. Co. Fashion Revue 1 <sup>st</sup> place & St Fair Outstanding of Day

Please list highlights of leadership and service you have provided related to 4-H clothing:

Year	Type of Service or Leadership	What You Did
Ex.2007	Example: Co. 4-H Fashion Board	Ex. Made stage decorations & narrated county fashion revue