



SOUTH PLAINS DISTRICT 2 4-H FASHION SHOW

Abernathy Elementary School
505 7th Street, Abernathy, TX
Tuesday, April 10, 2012



Participant Guide

Overview

The 4-H Fashion Show is designed to recognize 4-H members who have completed a Clothing and Textiles project. The following objectives are taught in the Clothing and Textile project: knowledge of fibers and fabrics, wardrobe selection, clothing construction, comparison shopping, fashion interpretation, understanding of style, good grooming, poise in front of others and personal presentation skills.

Purpose

The purpose of the Fashion Show Buying and Construction is an opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit the skills learned in their project work. It also provides the members an opportunity to increase their personal presentation skills.

1. OBJECTIVES:

To recognize 4-H members who have excelled in clothing projects and exhibit skills in the following:

- Application of knowledge of fibers and fabrics to wardrobe selection.
- Clothing construction or comparison shopping.
- Fashion interpretation and understanding of style.
- Good grooming and poise in front of others.
- Modeling and presentation of themselves and their garments.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND AGE CRITERIA:

Membership - the contestant must be enrolled and actively participating as a 4-H member. The 4-H member must also be actively participating in a 4-H Clothing program. To participate in the District 2 4-H Fashion Show, a participant must place first at his or her county level fashion show and/or be certified by his or her county Extension agent. Only one entry per age level, division and category per county may advance to the District 2 4-H Fashion Show.

Age is based on the 2011-2012 4-H year:

- **Junior:** 8 and in the 3rd grade, 9 and 10 as of August 31, 2011
(Birth date is between September 1, 2000 – August 31, 2003)
- **Intermediate:** 11, 12, 13 as of August 31, 2011
(Birth date is between September 1, 1997 – August 31, 2000)
- **Senior:** 14-18 as of August 31, 2011
(Birth date is between September 1, 1992 – August 31, 1997)

All garments/ensembles to be judged must have been purchased or constructed during participation in a 4-H clothing project between June 12, 2011 and the district contest.

3. JUDGING DIVISIONS:

The District Fashion Show will have two divisions for seniors: **Buying and Construction**; and three divisions for juniors and intermediates: **Buying, Construction, and Embellished/Recycled**.

Construction

Garments may be constructed by sewing, knitting, or crocheting using new or recycled materials. Accessories may be purchased.

Seniors: All garments worn (garments that are visible - i.e., blouse under jumper) during the interview process must be constructed.

Juniors and Intermediates: A minimum of one garment is all that is necessary to enter the construction category. Other garments worn with the entered garment may be purchased or constructed.

Buying

Comparison shopping may include department stores, boutiques or specialty stores, mail order catalogs, internet stores, outlet stores, discount stores, resale shops, garage sales, thrift stores and professional seamstresses (renting a garment is not permitted). **Three different sources or stores must be used, not three sections of a single store.**

During comparison shopping, if it is determined that **paying a professional seamstress (at normal hourly rate)** to construct an ensemble is the best choice for purchasing a garment, list the cost of fabrics, patterns, notions, any other supplies and payment to the seamstress as the cost of the garment. Enter the appropriate information in the column heading "Garment/Ensemble Selected" on the Buying Division Worksheet.

Seniors: All garments worn (garments that are visible - i.e., blouse under jumper) during the interview process must be purchased and included on the buying worksheet.

Juniors and Intermediates: A minimum of one garment is all that is necessary to enter the buying category. Other garments worn with the garment entered may be purchased or constructed.

Embellished/Recycled - JUNIORS AND INTERMEDIATES ONLY

Any purchased or constructed garment that has been embellished with various trims, beads, paints, etc. or has been re-made for another purpose or look. Iron-ons are allowed if used with other embellishments. (This is a division and category in and of itself; there is no garment category designation. Only one junior entry and one intermediate entry per county will advance to the District 2 4-H Fashion Show.)

No additional garments may be carried with the exception of props (ie: show stick, tennis racquet, golf club, corsage, teddy bear).

4. CATEGORIES:

There are four garment categories in the construction and buying divisions for seniors - casual, dressy, specialty and formal; and three garment categories in the construction and buying divisions for juniors and intermediates - casual, dressy and specialty. Appropriate garment category should be determined by the style, fabric, and common/ordinary use of the garment. No one may change categories between district and state contests. Garment categories are:

Casual - for school and casual after school activities, such as spectator sports, picnics, and casual dates. Examples are pants, jeans, skirts, or shorts and each with a top, jumpsuit, casual or sporty dress, skirt or pants with casual/sporty jackets, school coats, and coordinated separates.

Dressy - for ensembles worn to dressy activities such as dinner dates, theater, banquets, and job/scholarship interviews. Examples are men's and women's suits, dressy dresses, and dressy coats.

Specialty - limited to athletic and special-purpose garments. Examples are band, pep squad, and cheerleader uniforms, athletic garments such as jogging suits, swim suits, leotards, and ski-wear, sleepwear, and theatrical and circus-type costumes such as clown suits and ballet costumes. Garments in this category should not be suitable for ordinary daily activities.

Formal - SENIORS ONLY, limited to garments worn for formal evening events and formal weddings. This category includes tuxedos, formal gowns, wedding dresses and bridesmaid's dresses. Garments in this category should not be suitable for ordinary daily activities.

Cost. There are no cost limits, and there is no need to attach receipts or list expenses for either construction or buying division. The Construction Division and Buying Division Worksheets include a space to provide the total cost of your garment/ensemble.

More specific rules for senior fashion show are included in the "2012 Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program Clothing & Textiles Program Packet" available online at

<http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/index.php>

Unless exceptions are made in this letter, state requirements and criteria will be observed.

5. **ENTRY MATERIALS - DUE TO COUNTY AGRILIFE EXTENSION OFFICE AS DETERMINED BY COUNTY:**

1. Narration form (all participants)
2. Appropriate division worksheet (seniors only)

6. **REQUIRED ENTRY FEE AND REGISTRATION ON 4-H CONNECT:**

Each District Fashion Show participant will be required to register online at 4-H Connect (<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4hconnect.htm>) and pay the registration fee of \$10.00 at that time. This fee is transferable but is non-refundable. **The District 2 4-H Fashion Show opens for registration on 4-H Connect on Monday, March 12, and closes on Monday, March 26, 2012.** Entry materials will not be processed without online registration and entry fee. Instructions for entering contestants through 4-H Connect are available at your county AgriLife Extension office. Please communicate with your county AgriLife Extension office regarding online registration and method of required payment.

District 2 winners who are State 4-H Roundup qualifiers must submit the appropriate entry materials directly Angela McCorkle, Extension Assistant, in College Station. Entries must reach her office by **Wednesday, May 9, 2012.**

7. **NARRATOR SELECTION:**

We are currently looking for four senior 4-H members to serve as narrators for the Fashion Show. Applicants must be 14 years of age on August 31, 2012, and be present at the Fashion Show on April 10. Those interested are asked to complete the attached application form and submit it with a standard audio cassette tape or CD using the sample narration attached to this letter. The narration should be read as if you are on stage before an audience. Applicants should pay attention to phrasing, pronunciation, and pace as models are on stage. Tapes will be judged on self-confidence, pronunciation and enunciation of the script, voice clarity and audience appeal. **Tapes and applications are due to Shana Fleming in Parmer County by Friday, March 16, 2012.** Winners will be notified by Friday, March 23.

8. JUDGES QUESTIONS:

The questions that the judges will ask are located on the scorecards. The questions have been matched with specific judging criteria. Other possible questions are located on the bottom of the scorecards. Judges will be oriented to ask participants only the questions on the scorecards. The modeling and interview will be 6 minutes for Seniors and 4 minutes for Juniors and Intermediates. Judges will be given 4 minutes to score the contestants and to write quality comments. Please keep your modeling to a maximum of 20 seconds to allow more time for the interview.

9. SCORING:

Scoring for all entries will be by a panel of 2 to 3 adult judges, using the enclosed Fashion Show scorecard (buying OR construction OR embellished/recycled) which is enclosed. Notice: This senior level scorecard is **not** the scorecard included in the state fashion show packet, however the point values are the same.

10. SENIOR DISTRICT WINNERS:

To discuss, prepare for, and register for the State Fashion Show, a meeting of district senior winners will be held immediately following the district show. All senior construction and/or buying division winners **MUST** attend. If you place FIRST in the District 2 4-H Fashion Show, you *must* attend this important meeting.

11. Seniors Only - DISTRICT NATURAL FIBER COMPETITION:

One top scoring individual in each of the two natural fiber categories (cotton and wool) will advance to the Texas 4-H Natural Fiber Competition regardless of his or her placing in the fashion show divisions/categories. ONE cotton participant will advance and ONE wool participant will advance.

Excerpt directly from the Texas 4-H Clothing and Textiles Packet:

4-H members who have placed first in the district Natural Fiber contest may enter the Natural Fiber Competition at State 4-H Roundup. District winners in the Fashion Show category (casual, dressy, formal, specialty) in buying or construction division are no longer able to compete in the Natural fiber contest, unless they win the district Natural Fiber Contest. If a participant is a district fashion show buying or construction winner and a district Natural Fiber winner they will be able to compete in both contests.

Objectives

- To encourage the study, promotion, and use of cotton, wool, and mohair – the natural fibers produced in Texas.
- To recognize 4-H members who do outstanding work in a clothing project that includes the study of cotton or wool, and mohair.
- To recognize 4-H members who use their knowledge of natural fibers to sew or buy garments or ensembles that contain 60 percent or more cotton fiber, wool fiber, or wool and mohair fiber.

ENTRY GUIDELINES:

Any senior 4-H member who has a garment that meets the fiber and project requirements may enter the Natural Fiber Contest regardless of participation in and/or placing at the county level fashion show.

Cotton

Each garment entered must contain a minimum of 60% cotton.
Knowledge of fiber characteristics, production and end use is required.

Wool/Mohair

Each garment entered must contain a minimum of

- 60% wool and 40% other fiber
- 60% mohair and 40% other fiber
- 60% blend of the two fibers and 40% other fiber
- 100% wool/mohair blend is also acceptable.

Knowledge of fiber characteristics, production and end use is required.

The garment selected can be constructed or purchased. A complete outfit, except for a blouse or shirt under the garment, is made of the eligible fashion fabric. Example: Jacket and pants made of wool. Shirt or blouse does not need to be made of wool. A full-length coat made of eligible fashion fabric. It may be worn over a garment of any fiber content. Lining fabric, interfacing fabric, and trims are not required to meet the fiber content requirements.

Once a contestant has won first place at the state contest in one category (cotton or wool/mohair), he/she is no longer eligible to compete in that category.

District Natural Fiber Contest requirement: The contestant will prepare a three-minute or less oral presentation which should include fiber characteristics, fabric characteristics, care and any other interesting facts about the fiber to present to a panel of judges. No additional questions will be asked by the judges. The presentation criteria are listed on the scorecards. A different judging procedure will be used at the state contest. No other visual aids allowed. This interview will be separate from the fashion show interview.

District Cotton Award

ONE cotton award will be presented.

District Wool Award

ONE wool award will be presented. This award will be provided by the Women's Auxiliary to the Sheep and Goat Raisers.

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Attachments:

1. Narration Form
2. Narrator Application Form and Script
3. Junior/Intermediate Scorecards - separate file attached to email
4. Senior Scorecards - separate file attached to email

**2012 DISTRICT 4-H FASHION SHOW
NARRATION FORM**

NAME: _____

(write pronunciation of unusual name) _____

COUNTY: _____

Place an X in the appropriate blank.

AGE: ___ Junior ___ Intermediate ___ Senior

DIVISION: ___ Buying ___ Construction ___ Embellished

CATEGORY: ___ Casual ___ Dressy ___ Specialty ___ Formal

Please complete the following sentence and re-type in the space below. Please keep the entire sentence to less than 30 words.

(Name), daughter/son of _____, of _____ County, really likes/enjoys . . . (one thing about 4-H - for example: raising and showing steers at the county and major shows) OR . . . his/her favorite thing about 4-H is OR . . . is looking forward to . . . (example: going to National 4-H Congress this year).

**2012 SOUTH PLAINS 4-H FASHION SHOW
NARRATOR APPLICATION FORM**

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____

Telephone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

County: _____ Birth date (mm/dd/yy): _____

List any public speaking, fashion show narration, and other experiences you have had:

**Application due Friday, March 16, 2012
Mail form and standard audio cassette tape or CD to:**

Shana Fleming
Box 285
Farwell, TX 79325

Script for Fashion Show Narrator Application

NARRATOR AT PODIUM Ladies and Gentlemen, I am _____.
It is my pleasure to provide the commentary for the District 2 4-H Fashion Show.

SCENE 1:
(NARRATOR READS SCENE INTRODUCTION AS MODELS WALK OUT TO GET INTO POSITION.)

INTRODUCTION Hold onto your hats! The latest fashions are about to hit the runway. Beginning today's fashion show is the Construction Division Dressy Category.

- 1) Velvet is this year's must have fabric. **Angela Drews** from **Cooke County** is wearing an ensemble constructed of purple crushed velvet. The lined duster is semi-fitted and flared to the lower calf, and features shoulders which are a cut above the ordinary. The wide-leg pants compliment the unique duster. This ensemble coordinates well with many things in Angela's wardrobe. Good job, Angela!
- 2) Creative styling is the key word to this southwestern ensemble modeled by **Carmen Schnieder** of **Lynn County**. She enjoyed designing the back yoke of her Aztec print jacket. Note the handspun natural black wool that Carmen whip-stitched to the jacket. The chambray skirt is yards and tiers of 100% cotton created in the unique crinkle effect of the broomstick skirt. This is a real western charmer, Carmen!
- 3) A floral fresh fashion statement has been constructed by **Rachel Copeland** this year. Rachel constructed a double breasted brocade jacket which suits up nicely with the drop-waist perky pleated skirt. Rachel enjoys cooking, sewing and swimming, as well as 4-H activities in **Cameron County**. Doesn't Rachel look simply elegant!
- 4) Appearing on the scene in a burst of color, career-bound **Melissa Landry** will make a dramatic impact. Her long, lean jacket accents the classic straight skirt, and her boldly printed vest is definitely a cut above the ordinary. The Victorian ruffled neckline of her multi-purpose white blouse adds the perfect finishing touch to this professional looking style. Melissa is a 4-H member in **Kleberg-Kennedy County**. Good luck with your job hunt, Melissa!

SCENE 2

INTRODUCTION Let's change the pace a little! This next division is Buying and the Category is Casual. These 4-H'ers look as if they are ready to tackle any school activity.

- 1) Making a triple play in this sporty ensemble, **Kenzie Miller** from **Brazos County** is ready for action. Her navy sweatshorts, hooded long-sleeve shirt, and high-energy yellow oversized sweatshirt team together for maximum comfort. She'll be looking good while practicing for track meets and cross-country competition. Ready, set, go Kenzie!