

2014 Texas 4-H Fashion Show

Natural Fiber

General Rules and Guidelines

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 Textiles 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. 4-H members participating in the Natural Fiber Contest are encouraged to study, promote, and use cotton, wool, and mohair—natural fibers produced in Texas.

PURPOSE

The Fashion Show Natural Fiber Contest provides an opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit the skills learned related to Cotton and Wool/Mohair. It also recognizes 4-H members who do outstanding work in a clothing project that includes the study of cotton or wool and mohair.

FASHION SHOW NATURAL FIBER

4-H members who have placed first in the district Natural Fiber Contest may enter the Natural Fiber Contest at Texas 4-H Roundup. District winners in the Fashion Show category 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 may compete in both contests.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements provide as fair an opportunity as possible for participation by as many outstanding 4-H members as possible. The requirements given below apply to senior members who plan to participate in the state contest. Failure to comply with the requirements will result in disqualification or penalty deductions from the final score.

1. A 4-H member must have passed their 14th birthday but not their 19th birthday on August 11, 2013, to be eligible for 2014 Texas 4-H Roundup.
2. Participants must complete a 4-H clothing project between June 15, 2013, and the district contest. All garments/ensembles to be judged must have been purchased (renting a garment is not permitted) or constructed during participation in a 4-H clothing project between June 15, 2013, and the district contest.
3. The Natural Fiber Contest has two categories: cotton and wool/mohair. Entry in the Natural Fiber Contest does not have to be the same entry as the Fashion Show Buying or Construction entry. The 4-H member must choose a category at the county level and compete in that category at all levels. The entry worn at the district contest must be the one worn at the state contest. Accessories such as shoes, jewelry, hat, gloves, and scarfs may be changed, but changes must be included on the paperwork. The appropriate garment category should be determined by the style, fabric, and use of the garment. No one may change divisions or categories between district and state contests.

4. 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. Examples include: jacket and pants made of wool, but shirt or blouse does not need to be made of wool; a full length coat made of eligible fashion fabric worn over a garment of any fiber content. Lining fabric, interfacing fabric, and trims are not required to meet the fiber content requirements.
5. 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.
6. Garments need to meet the specific requirements of either Wool/Mohair/Alpaca or Cotton. See the table below for specific requirements.
7. If the Fashion Show Natural Fiber Entry Form does not show that the entry meets the eligibility requirements, the entry will be disqualified.

Cotton	Each garment entered must contain a minimum of 60% cotton. Knowledge of fiber characteristics, production, and end use is required.
Wool/Mohair/Alpaca	Each garment entered must contain a minimum of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

NECESSARY FORMS

The 2014 Texas 4-H Fashion Natural Fiber Entry Form is required for participants in the 2014 Texas 4-H Fashion Show.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Fashion Show Natural Fiber judging is based on the 2014 Fashion Show Natural Fiber Score Sheet. A panel of judges will evaluate and score the entries based on their Fashion Show paperwork and interviews.

Presentations will not be permitted during the interview judging. Each garment category will be judged separately. A participant receives a 5 point deduction for not following all Fashion Show requirements, which includes not completing all forms or illegible or incorrect forms, missing orientation, and not turning in donor thank-you notes.

If ties should occur, the ties will be broken using partial scores in the following order.

1. Knowledge of fiber characteristics and uses sub-total score.
2. Ability to apply knowledge sub-total score.
3. Appearance, fit, and fashionability sub-total score.
4. Garment is well made.

2014 Texas 4-H Fashion Show Natural Fiber Entry Form

Name: _____ Number of years in clothing project: _____
Address: _____ Phone number: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____
County: _____ District: _____ E-mail: _____

Category (check one): ☐ Cotton ☐ Wool/Mohair

Insert or glue head-to-toe photo of participant in the competition garment in the space below. The photo should not exceed 4" x 6".

Project Goals and Activities

What goals did you set for your Clothing and Textiles project, specifically targeting Natural Fiber?

What project activities did you participate in to help you reach your goals?

What community service activities were you involved with?

Describe your leadership experiences within your Clothing and Textiles project, specifically targeting Natural Fiber?

Knowledge of Fiber Characteristics

Identify fiber characteristics that are important in apparel.

Explain why the fiber selected is a good choice for your garment.

Describe the care requirements of the garment.

Identify the fiber content of the garment.

Promotion of Natural Fiber

Describe the fiber production process.

Describe how you have promoted the use of natural fibers.

Write a paragraph promoting your fiber.

Insert commentary for Fashion Show. Minimum of 50 words and maximum of 75 words.

I certify that I have read the 2014 Clothing and Textiles Packet and that my entry complies with the requirements.

Contestant's Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

I have read this form and give permission for my child to participate in the Texas 4-H Fashion Show awards program. I certify that I have read the 2014 Clothing and Textiles Packet and that my child's entry complies with the requirements.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date Signed: _____

I certify that the 4-H member whose signature appears above has been provided a copy of the 2014 Clothing and Textiles Packet and that he/she has completed a clothing project.

Signature of County Extension Agent responsible for the 4-H Clothing Program:

_____ Date Signed: _____



2014 Texas 4-H Fashion Show Score Sheet Natural Fiber

Name: _____ County: _____ District: _____

Fiber Category: ☐ Cotton ☐ Wool/Mohair

Factors to Consider	Total Value	Comments	Actual Score
Project goals and activities (15%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project goals indicate project focus and direction Clothing and textiles activities adequate, consumer and life skills learned, suitable for experience level Demonstrates involvement in project 	5 5 5		
Knowledge of fiber characteristics and uses (40%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies fiber characteristics that are important in apparel Garment makes good use of fiber characteristics Knowledge of fiber, fabric, and garment care requirements Garment meets competition eligibility requirements 	10 10 10 10		
Promotion of Natural Fiber (30%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared knowledge of natural fiber with the public Understanding of fiber source and production process Involved in promotion of natural fiber use 	10 10 10		
Appearance, fit, and fashion ability (15%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garment is an appropriate fit for the body Garment and accessories fashionable and appropriate Modeling and presentation skills, poise and grooming 	5 5 5		
Total Score	100		
		Judge's Initials	



4-H Fashion Show – Natural Fiber Possible Interview Questions

1. What is the fiber content of your garment? Tell me two qualities of the fiber.
2. Why is this fabric a good choice for your garment? Describe fabric characteristics that make it suitable for the intended use of the garment.
3. What type of weave or knit is your fabric? What are the characteristics of this weave?
4. How will you care for this garment? Is there any additional cost to consider when caring for this garment?
5. What occasion do you plan on wearing your garment?
6. What did you consider when selecting your accessories? Why were these considerations important to you?
7. How would you promote your natural fiber to others?
8. How is use of natural fibers in clothing important to the Texas economy?
9. How does this outfit meet your clothing needs?
10. How often do you plan to use the outfit/accessories?
11. Do you have a clothing budget?
12. Describe your clothing and textiles leadership activities. What was your favorite leadership activity?
13. How did you connect your clothing and textile project work with community service?

Do's and Don'ts for Successful Submission of Roundup Clothing Contest Entries

1. **Read and follow instructions carefully for all contest guidelines.**
2. Check and double check your spelling, sentence structure, neatness, and overall writing.
3. Send only the number of entry forms indicated in the guidelines for each contest. Two copies are requested, so send two, not three or four. More is not better.
4. Pictures should be attached to the correct form. Pictures may be stapled to the form or embedded into the document.
5. The only entry forms that are acceptable are those found on the 4-H website for the 4-H Clothing Program. **Do not** reformat any of the documents to accommodate the amount you want to place on your entry.
6. Be sure to include your leadership and community service experiences in the appropriate space on the entry forms.
7. The goals you state on the entry form **should** be reflected in 'what you have learned.'
8. Though every effort is made at the state level to check and double check that entries are actually received, it is challenging to ensure this. **Please** check with your county Extension agent to make sure that the form is mailed in time to reach Angela McCorkle's office **no later than the deadline date.**

