

## You Have Chosen a General Project... Now what?

**\*\* All youth are expected to complete the projects to which they enroll\*\***

### Steps for a Successful General Projects Completion

1. Buy project book and look at guidelines for expectations of completion
2. Complete the project including learning experiences and citizen/leadership experiences using the book and resources and have the advisor sign it upon completion
3. Attend learning experiences, project clinics and workshops relevant to project work and Practice Judging.
4. Attend Project Evaluation with an Interview and leave your project for evaluation Saturday, July 9, 2022 any time between 8:30 a.m.-Noon at the Fairgrounds Expo Building.
  - Projects will be labeled with the member's name, club, age and project number.
  - Projects will be left for further evaluation by Community Volunteers for an overall combine interview and project score.
5. Projects will be available for pick up Saturday, July 16. Project grade ribbons, Miscellaneous Masterpiece and State Fair Contender ribbons will be available from your advisor in club packets during booth set up. All projects are encouraged to be displayed in the club booth.

### Repeating Projects

Please review the Family Guide and Project book regarding repeating projects. Members may carry forward a project they took in 2021 to 2022 IF it builds/expands upon the previous year and there are new experiences/growth.

### Judging for General Projects

- As a part of County Judging Requirements: all projects require a project interview where you must answer questions about your project experience including general 4-H knowledge, project book knowledge, activities, and your educational display. ALL PROJECT BOOKS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE ADVISOR UPON COMPLETION. Unsigned books will result in a deduction of 3 points.
- All youth taking a General Project should be prepared to answer the following questions as part of their interview on Super Saturday:
  1. What were your goals this year?
  2. What did you do or make to reach those goals?
  3. What did you learn?
  4. What was the biggest challenge you faced?
  5. What would you do differently?
    - What knowledge did you gain above and beyond your project book? (To use with youth eligible for State Fair)
- To see what needs to be completed for judging check the guidelines
  - Some examples of visual aides are picture boards, engine parts...
  - NOTE- Judging of Writing projects will include an interview.
- All interviews for General Projects will be held prior to Super Saturday on July 9 from 8:30 a.m.-12 (Noon).
- NO ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED IN THE EXPO BUILDING. COMPANION ANIMAL/PET PROJECTS WILL BE JUDGED IN THE FFA BUILDING**
- As a part of County Requirements: all projects require a project interview where youth must answer questions about your project experience including general 4-H knowledge, project book knowledge, activities, and an educational poster display and/or three ring notebook . Making yourself familiar with the attached judging scoresheet is a great way to prepare! In order to qualify for State Competition this must take place on Super Saturday Project Judging. Youth unable to attend are still expected to complete their project by meeting the above requirements in coordination with the County 4-H Office.

### **Ribbons and Awards**

**Project Ribbon** Each participant will receive a grade project ribbon for their completed project. Those who choose not to participate in in-person County level project evaluation may receive a completion grade by being Home Judges by a Volunteer, the Extension Office or from the Project Advisor by August 1.

**Miscellaneous Masterpiece Awards** Ribbons are given by the judges to members in general projects who they feel have demonstrated an exceptional project with a top score. Miscellaneous Masterpiece Awards are only given to those youth that receive 100%. This award is similar to the Sew Well Done, Fabulous Foods and 100% Skillathon Awards given in other disciplines. Miscellaneous Masterpiece is the judge's decision and may be awarded to multiple or no participants. These ribbons may be displayed in club booths.

**Best of Class** Projects are grouped together by category and judged by the same individual. After all judging is complete the judge may choose one participant that has done an overall outstanding job in that category. This participant will receive the Best of Class medallion at the General Projects awards Ceremony on Tuesday evening of Fair.

### **\*\*\*\*\* General Project Opportunities for the Ohio State Fair \*\*\*\*\***

- Not all projects are eligible for state fair and the number or ages that may be sent vary with each project. Projects that are complete by the judge's standard and have a category available will be eligible.
- The judge may choose a candidate and an alternate to represent Ashtabula County at the State Fair. If you are chosen you do not need to go but you need to let the OSU Extension office know quickly so the alternate can have the opportunity to go.
- State Fair Participants and alternates will be posted by the Monday evening following Super Saturday.
- Judging at the State Fair for General Projects is different than at our local fair. Please review the guidelines carefully for details!
- The top 20% in each project area at State Fair will receive an outstanding of the day ribbon. The winner in each class receives a clock trophy.
- If you decide to go to State Fair the Office will provide a copy of the judging sheet, the state guidelines, one ticket for the participant, and possibly one ticket for a driver along with a parking pass. The driver's ticket and parking pass are limited and are on a first come first serve basis. It is the individual's responsibility to pick up the packet and information to participate.
- The dates and times your category will be held at the State Fair will be posted during Super Saturday.