

2023-2024

Brazos County 4-H Fashion Show Natural Fiber General Rules and Guidelines

Date: February 15, 2024

Location: Brazos County Extension Office

Deadline: February 8, 2024

Fee: \$10

OVERVIEW

The 4-H Fashion Show is designed to recognize 4-H members who have completed a Fashion & Interior Design project. The following objectives are taught in the Fashion & Interior Design 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 provides an opportunity for 4-H members

- Demonstrate knowledge Texas natural fibers (Wool/Mohair and Cotton)
- Demonstrate skills and knowledge of clothing construction and Consumerism
- Demonstrate poise and confidence
- Increase personal presentation skills

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. Natural fibers contest is not a qualifying event at county.

4-H FASHION SHOW NATURAL FIBER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Failure to comply with the requirements will result in disqualification or penalty deductions from the final score.

1. **Age.** Age divisions are determined by a participant's age as of August 31 of the current 4-H year in accordance with what is stated in the current Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines.

Junior Division: Grades 3 thru 5

Intermediate Division: Grades 6 thru 8

Senior Division: Grades 9 thru 12

2. **Participation.** Participants must complete a 4-H Fashion and Interior Design project between June 2023, and the county contest in the 2023-2024 4-H year. All

garments/ensembles to be judged must have been purchased (renting a garment is not allowed in the buying division) or constructed during participation in a 4-H Fashion & Interior Design project between June 2023, and the county contest in the 2023-2024 4-H year.

3. **Fashion Show Natural Fiber Categories.** The Natural Fiber Contest has two categories: cotton and wool/mohair. Entry in the Natural Fiber is done by completing the Natural Fiber Entry form. 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. No one may change divisions or categories between district and state contests.
4. **Fashion Show Natural Fiber can be constructed or purchased.** The garment selected can be constructed or purchased.
5. **Fiber Requirements.** Garments need to meet the specific requirements of either Wool/Mohair/Alpaca or Cotton.

Cotton	Each garment entered must contain a minimum of 60% cotton.
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.

Wool example 1: jacket and pants made of wool, but shirt or blouse does not need to be made of wool.

Wool example 2: a full-length coat made of eligible natural fabric worn over a garment of any fiber content.

Cotton example: denim jeans with a cotton blouse and jacket need to be made from fabric with a minimum of 60% cotton.

Lining fabric, interfacing fabric, and trims are not required to meet the fiber content requirements.

6. **Participation in Fashion Show activities.** Participants must be present for all 4-H Fashion Show activities including interview, rehearsal, and public Fashion Show. Fashion Show orientation will be held virtually. A link will be provided prior to the 4-H member, and it is the responsibility of the participant to view the orientation. A complete schedule including fashion show practice, interview times and public fashion show will be distributed to all registered Fashion Show qualifiers after registration is complete.
7. **Fashion Show Registration and Paperwork.** 4-H Fashion Show Natural Fiber guidelines and entry forms can be found on the brazos.agrilife.org.

Participants will turn in their entry form during by February 8, 2024.

8. **Alternates.** An alternate cannot participate in the county 4-H Fashion Show Natural Fiber.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Fashion Show Natural Fiber judging is based on the 2023 Fashion Show Natural Fiber Score Sheet. A panel of judges will evaluate and score the entries based on their Fashion Show paperwork and interviews.

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.

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

1. Promotion of Natural Fiber sub-total score.
2. Knowledge of fiber characteristics and uses sub-total score.
3. Interview sub-total score.

4-H FASHION SHOW INTERVIEW PROCEDURE

1. Introduction/Presentation

Each contestant will start by introducing themselves and model their garment for the judges. Participants will then provide a 5-minute presentation to the judges. During the presentation, the participants need to describe their project activities, outfit selection, construction or buying skills and their knowledge of fiber and fabrics. Prior to competing the participant should review the contest score sheet to see that areas that will be judged.

2. Question and Answer

Judges will have the opportunity to ask each participant questions from the list of contest questions as well as questions related directly to the participants garment or project experiences.

FASHION SHOW NATIONAL CONTEST OPPORTUNITY

National contest for Fashion Show is the 4-H FCH National Championship Fashion Revue held in San Antonio, Texas. Texas can send up to four individuals to attend this national contest. All category (buying, construction and natural fiber) first place winners will have the opportunity to compete to earn one of the four spots. Guidelines for competing for a spot at the National 4-H Fashion Revue will be shared with the participants in an e-mail prior to the Texas 4-H Roundup Fashion Show.

PRIOR COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Guidelines related to national contest advancement and prior competition rules can be found in the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide.