Virtual General Project Entry Instructions

Welcome

Because registering or entering a project for a virtual judging is very much like an actual “Entry Day” at your county fair, you will need to have your exhibits completed prior to registering. This guide will help you prepare. General Project entry opens July 6 and closes July 22. Contact Michelle (M-F 9-5 pm 507-375-1275, afterhours 507-304-3280) if you are having trouble uploading photo’s or your video.

Minnesota 4-H Virtual Show Format Consists of a Two-Part Series

Part 1 - The Show

The first part of the virtual judging will be the 4-Her uploading pictures of their project into FairEntry. You may include up to 4 photos showcasing your project and a video of the member explaining in detail about the project.

After completing your static exhibit, you will include some or all of these elements when registering:

1. Photos of the project
2. Documents
3. Reflection questions
4. Video

Part 2 - The Judging

The second part of the show is the judging. During the conference judging experience 4-Hers will have their submitted video and photos evaluated by a judge who will provide ribbon placings and complete the State Fair line-up.

Video Submissions

If you are using a cell phone or tablet to record your presentation you will want to film it in horizontal orientation so that you can best utilize the space provided. You and your project should fill the video frame, but should not overflow outside of the edges. This will be best achieved when you film holding your phone or camera horizontal. When filming it is important to be at eye level with your subject. During the video recording, 4-Hers should treat the camera and the person holding it as the judge.

Because FairEntry is unfortunately not able to accept video file uploads, you will need to store your video on another site, and then generate a public URL (link) to your video that can be pasted into FairEntry during registration. Examples of Video URL sites include:

- YouTube
- SmugMug
- Google Photos
• Google Drive
• iCloud

An additional guide will be included with directions on how to create a video from the above sites.

**Video Needs**

1. At least 60 seconds and may NOT exceed 90 seconds.
2. Videos may not be altered or photoshopped in any way.
3. Videos may not have anyone talking or coaching the exhibitor.
4. The project should be the main focus of the video.
5. Work to have the best lighting possible.
6. Include shots of the entire exhibit, yourself, and details of the exhibit.
7. Use the reflection questions as a script or for cue cards.

**Photos**

The project should fill the photo, and should not overflow outside of the edges. This will be best achieved by holding your phone or camera horizontal.

**Hints for taking photos that show off your exhibit’s best qualities**

1. Take the photos in a well-lit area.
   a. If at all possible, have a light source above and behind you so that the exhibit is well-lit with no shadows.
2. Try to reduce glares as possible.
3. Get as close as possible to the exhibit when taking a picture.

**Photo’s to prepare**

1. The full project.
2. A specific detail of your exhibit that you are most proud of.
3. Yourself with your project.
4. Plus, up to 3 additional photos which are optional.

**Documents**

Some entries may also allow uploading of documents (word or PDF files). Examples of uploaded documents may include:

• Documents printed for trifold displays
• Binder pages
• Any other supporting documents

**Reflection Questions**

Some or all of these questions (or similar questions) may be included in your video.
1. **Introduction**: Please introduce yourself - your name, your grade, how long have you been involved in this project area.

2. **Share**: Talk about your project - what it is, why you made it, the steps involved, why did you choose it?

3. **Process**: What have you learned from your work on this project? What did you do well? What would you do differently?

4. **Generalize**: What new skills have you learned?

5. **Apply**: How will you use the skills you have learned in other areas? How can you keep learning more about this project area?

6. **Other**: Anything else you would like the judge to know.

**A Final Word**

While we understand that photos, documents and videos cannot fully replace the actual exhibits, the virtual fair environment is intended to allow a judge to see and learn about the skills a 4-H member has developed throughout this past year resulting from their 4-H experiences.
Creating a Video URL for FairEntry Virtual Registration

Video URL Options

Some entries registered in FairEntry will require a video URL and other entries may allow an optional video URL. Because FairEntry is unfortunately not able to accept video file uploads, you will need to store your video on another site, and then generate a public URL (link) to your video that can be pasted into FairEntry during registration.

Video URL options include YouTube, SmugMug, Google Photos, Google Drive and iCloud.

YouTube

YouTube Example  https://youtu.be/InD2x_FEcw

If you have a YouTube account, you can upload your video there. Once uploaded, you can set the video Visibility to "Unlisted".

1. Access your video online
2. Click on the Share button
3. Copy and send the URL

Smugmug (mn4h.smugmug.com)

Smugmug example  https://mn4h.smugmug.com/2020-Virtual-Fair/Virtual-Poultry-Show-File/Virtual-Poultry-Show/i-ccXgmf9/A

To access SmugMug, your local staff will send you to one or more specific URL(s) that will allow you to upload videos into designated Gallery(ies). Contact your local staff at 507-375-1275.

If you have your own SmugMug account, you can use that also.
1. Once the video has been uploaded, locate and click on the small “Share” icon

2. On the resulting popup window, locate the Video link (URL) to copy-paste into FairEntry.

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**Google Photos**

Google photos example

https://photos.app.goo.gl/NUEqhoXeBKRGKZz58

Most Android and some iPhone users will have Google Photos set up to automatically store videos taken on their phones. Generate a video URL as follows:

1. Go to photos.google.com and log in if necessary
2. Locate the video you want to submit
3. Open (double click) the video so it’s the only video visible on the screen
4. Click on the “Share” symbol, found in the upper right portion of the screen.
5. Then, in the popup window, click on the Create Link (URL) button to generate and copy the URL to your clipboard.

Google Drive

Google Drive can also be used to generate a URL via "Sharing", but be sure the video file permissions allow "anyone with the link" to access the video.

iCloud

iPhone users that are utilizing their iCloud will be able to copy a URL to the video’s location on iCloud.

Example:

1. Open your Photos app on your device.
2. Click the blue ‘Select’ option in the top right corner.
3. Select the video that you plan to upload. The video selected will appear slightly faded and will have a blue check mark in the lower right corner.
4. Once the video is selected, click on the upload/share button in the lower left-hand corner of the screen.
5. Once the upload/share window is opened. Select the ‘Copy iCloud Link (URL)’.

6. The URL is now created and copied to your device’s clipboard.