

Request for 4-H Membership across County Lines

Must be submitted by any youth applying to be 4-H members in any county other than the county where they live

Steps to follow:

1. Provide all requested information. Do not leave anything blank.
2. Send completed form to the county Extension office in which 4-H membership is being requested (County of Request).
3. The 4-H Educators in the County of Request and the County of Residence will review the request. Ohio 4-H policy/procedure states that any request motivated by perceived competitive or sale advantage, any change due to controversial issues, or other similar motivations will automatically be rejected. There must be a 4-H program in both counties (i.e. requests cannot be made as a result of a failed levy or as a result of the Extension office closing in a county due to lack of funding.)
4. The 4-H Educator in the County of Request will provide written notification to the applicant with the joint decision of the 4-H professional in each county.
5. Permission for 4-H membership across county lines should NOT BE assumed by the parents of the child until official notification is received from the 4-H staff in the county of request.

Date of Request: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

School District Attending: _____ Current Grade: _____

County of Request: _____ County of Residence: _____

Previous Member

Years in 4-H: _____ What Counties: _____

Projects: _____

Are you a 4-H member in good standing? _____

All Applicants

Will market animals, other livestock, horses, or dogs be taken as 4-H projects? ___ YES ___ NO

If yes, please identify which project specifically? _____

Why are you seeking 4-H membership outside of your county of residence?

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

I understand that it is my responsibility as a parent/guardian to review and understand all 4-H rules, policies, and guidelines of the county we wish to join and to ask questions if I do not understand.

For Official Use Only	
___ Approval with restrictions as follows: Membership for _____	County only.
___ Not Approved	
Signature of 4-H Educator (County of Request) _____	Date _____
Signature of 4-H Educator (County of Residence) _____	Date _____

Official Policy on 4-H Cross County Membership
Warren County
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Policy

Youth are expected to affiliate with the 4-H program in their county of residence or receive approval for membership outside their county of residence.

Procedures

Ohio State University Extension administers the 4-H youth development education program whose mission is to develop youth to meet their fullest potential as capable, competent, caring and contributing citizens. Each county conducts the 4-H youth development program to accomplish this goal.

In order to affirm Ohio State University Extension's position concerning cross county 4-H membership and to establish guidelines in this area to fulfill the above mission, the following philosophy and process statements are provided.

1. Membership in more than one county simultaneously is not possible.
2. Members are expected to participate in 4-H within their county of residence. Residence is the household where the member resides the majority of the year.
3. Any member who does not live in Warren County, but wishes to participate in the Warren County 4-H program, must submit an individual application for membership across county lines to the Warren County 4-H office. Members are expected to sign this request form themselves. A parent or guardian must also sign the form before it is sent to the Warren County 4-H office.
1. 4. The 4-H office will consider requests from members who live outside Warren County only if:
 - a. The 4-H'er has been a member only in Warren County for the entire time he or she has been in 4-H.
 - b. The applicant is a younger sibling of a current 4-H member in Warren County who resides in the same house.
 - c. The applicant has never associated with 4-H in any county and declares intent to complete all 4-H activities in Warren county for the duration of 4-H eligibility.
- a. The 4-H office will **not** consider requests from members who live outside Warren County if the member has associated with the 4-H program in his or her county of residence at any point in time. In this case, the member is expected to continue to associate and/or reestablish their membership within their county of residence.
4. In situations where the county of residence does not have a 4-H program (due to financial or other reasons), youth may not join 4-H in another county; previously approved cross county membership will be revoked.
2. The final decision regarding outside county membership rests solely with the 4-H educators in both counties. Both agents must approve the request to make out of county membership possible.



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