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## **Sandoval County Cooperative Extension**

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# January 2025





## SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS

or anyone interested in  
Sandoval County Shooting Sports

Brittany has scheduled  
an informative

Shooting sports Volunteer and Member  
informational meeting on

**January 14, 2025, via Zoom:**

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/82393724076>

**Plan to attend at 6:15 PM**



### **4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training**

The 2025 State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training and Certification will be held **February 7-9, 2025** at the Eastern New Mexico State Fairgrounds, 2055 S.E. Main St., Roswell, NM 88203. Cost is \$100.

Contact Brittany for questions and to register.  
(505) 867-2582 or sandoval@nmsu.edu

### **4-H Shooting Sports Youth Summit**

The 2025 NM 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Summit will be held in March TBD, at the NRA Whittington Center, Raton, NM. The event will be open to Senior Age 4-H Youth from New Mexico enrolled in a 4-H Shooting Sports Project. The Summit will be limited to thirty (30) youth. Youth must be fully enrolled. Applications and Medical Liability Release form will be due to Brittany at the Extension Office no later than Friday, **February 7th**.

The NM 2025 Shooting Sports Championships will be held **May 1-4, 2025** in Raton.



# 5th Annual New Mexico 4-H Online Horse Bowl Tournament

**January 27 to 31, 2025**

**6 to 9 pm over the Internet**

If you like horses, learning more about them, and you like to compete, then the HBT is your chance to shine. Prizes are awarded to the top 4 teams overall and to the top 10 individuals in each age division (Novice, Jr., Sr.).

Matches are held over Zoom, so you can compete virtually with teams across the state. You don't need to be in the horse project, but you must be fully enrolled in New Mexico 4-H to play. Please check your enrollments to make sure your Medical Release is uploaded into zsuite.

The registration fee is \$10 per contestant.

**Registration opens January 6 and closes on January 16, 2025.**

You can register through your county 4-H agent. Your agent can provide study materials, tournament rules, and technology requirements.

Contact information for your county 4-H agent can be found at: <https://extension.nmsu.edu/county.html>

**For more information, contact Dr. Jason Turner**

**Awards courtesy of**

**Northern NM Horsemen's Association**



If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, please contact Dr. Jason Turner by 1/16/2025 at [jltturner@nmsu.edu](mailto:jltturner@nmsu.edu).

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## Tex-Mex Horse Judging Clinic

February 8, 2025

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM MST



**Come learn from World Champions and get ready for the 2025 horse judging season.**

The WTAMU Horse Judging Team members will be leading small groups of youth to help them develop and improve their skills in preparing and presenting oral reasons. Please don't miss this opportunity to get a head start on perfecting these skills.

### Roosevelt County Fairgrounds Portales, New Mexico

The clinic is for youth and coaches of all skill levels. Youth will judge video classes and work on reasons in small groups. Youth should bring their own judging notebooks and pencils. Snacks, lunch, and printed materials will be provided for each youth.

Registration fee: \$50/youth and \$15/adult to cover lunch costs.

Please register online: <https://easnr.nmsu.edu/>

Registration opens 12/10/24 and closes at 5pm on 1/28/25.

Hosted by Roosevelt County Cooperative Extension Service.

For more information, contact:

Dr. Christy Adams, WTAMU Horse Judging Team Coach [cadams@wtamu.edu](mailto:cadams@wtamu.edu)

Dr. Jason Turner, NMSU Extension Horse Specialist [jturner@nmsu.edu](mailto:jturner@nmsu.edu)

#### Topics

Halter

Reining

Hunter Under

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Ranch Riding

Notes

Reasons

Scoring



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Save the date:  
**FCS SCHOOLS**



**March 7-9, 2025**

**Location: TBD**

**Registration opens: January 2025**

**You must be fully enrolled by February 15, 2025**





## All 4-H Horse / Project Members

Make sure you have completed a Horse Certificate. The horse certificate must be completed EVERY year and the original must be signed, along with your Club Leader, and Extension Agent and on file at the Extension Office. Make sure you color in the exact markings on your horse certificate! Keep copies for yourself. You must be fully enrolled to participate in any 4-H Related Events. Please scan and email or mail the Horse Certificate to the Extension Office.

Link to Horse Certificate (Copy and paste in to browser)

[chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/4-h-horse-certificate\\_form-100l-2\\_r-2021\\_accessible.pdf](chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/4-h-horse-certificate_form-100l-2_r-2021_accessible.pdf)

**HORSE CERTIFICATES DUE TO EXTENSION OFFICE BY MAY 1!**  
**Horse certificates are sent to the State 4-H office**



## All 4-H Rodeo / Project Members

You must have completed ALL the Rodeo requirements as outlined by the State 4-H Office which includes the safety course and waiver to participate in any 4-H event.

You must also have a completed Horse Certificate on file at the Extension Office. These need to be completed every year.

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/4h/4h-rodeo.html>

The Extension office issues Rodeo member cards ONLY if approved by the State 4-H office, and you are fully enrolled with Medical Release uploaded into zsuite, and all Rodeo Requirement criteria has been met.

**ALL HORSE & RODEO REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET BY MAY 1!**



## New Mexico Horse Council Foundation Scholarship \$500 awarded to a graduating New Mexico high school senior

Applications for the Scholarship are available in [Word](#) or [pdf](#).  
Download form, complete, and mail back with all required attachments no later than April 1.

The NM Horse Council Foundation Scholarship is awarded to a graduating NM high school senior upon acceptance and enrollment in a post-secondary educational program. Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the educational institution upon proof of enrollment.

The basis for selection includes: demonstration of academic excellence, demonstrated personal character and initiative, contribution to the horse community, demonstrated commitment to horses and others, demonstrated leadership and/or involvement with horses that benefited others more than self, and writing skills. A sample evaluation rubric is available from the NMHC Foundation.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors in New Mexico.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Two Letters of Recommendation (letter from relative is unsuitable):
  - a. One from a teacher or school official
  - b. One from an adult horseperson from the NM horse community
2. Certified copy of academic transcript
3. Statement identifying your academic achievements
4. Statement identifying your community activities and examples of leadership
5. One Essay – Discuss how your involvement with the horse community has benefited you and influenced your educational and life goals. (200 – 300 words).

Scholarship winner will be required to provide student identification number and proof of enrollment in post-secondary educational institution prior to distribution of award to the institution.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: April 1**

**LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Check the New Mexico Horse Council Website for updated information  
<https://www.nmhorsecouncil.org/>

The selection rubric is available on request from Laura Burton, by email. The scholarship recipient will be notified by a member of the NMHC Foundation board. Notification of award will be provided to the winner's high school prior to graduation.

## WANTED

### ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON SANDOVAL COUNTY FAIR BOARD

**Elections: Sunday, January 26, 2025**

**Time: 3:00pm**

**Place: Exhibit Hall, Sandoval County Fairgrounds, Cuba, NM**

**If you would like to help promote the Sandoval County Fair, please consider signing up or running for an office.**







## New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association Scholarships \$10,000 available each year

Scholarships offered by NMCGA can make a difference in the lives of deserving young members. NMCGA is dedicated to supporting the youth of NM to help them achieve their college and career goals.

Due  
Oct. 15  
\$5,500 - Depot Farm  
and Ranch Agency  
Heritage Scholarships

Due  
Oct. 15  
\$500 - Allied Industry  
Committee  
Scholarship

Due  
Oct. 15  
\$2,000 - Purina Mills  
Scholarships

Due  
May 1  
\$1,000 - YCLC  
Graduate Scholarship

Due  
Oct. 15  
\$500 - YCLC  
Undergraduate  
Scholarship

Due  
May 1  
\$500 - Allied Industry  
Committee Graduate  
Scholarship

### Purina Mills Young Cattlemen's Leadership Scholarship



**Eligibility:** Graduating New Mexico high school seniors for the 2024-2025 school year

**Amount:** \$1,000.00

**Deadline:** Applications will be accepted TBA (Check back on link below)

**Application:** When the scholarship is open the application, description and a press release will be posted on the NMCGA website: <https://www.nmagriculture.org/>

**Information:** Purina Mills with the NMCGA Young Cattlemen's Leadership Committee will be awarding two \$1,000.00 scholarships to graduating New Mexico high school seniors for the 2024-2025 school year. In conjunction, the NMCGA Young Cattlemen's Leadership Committee with the NMCGA Allied Industries Committee will also present two additional \$500.00 scholarships; one to be awarded to a high school senior and one to a continuing college student for the 2024-2025 school year. All four scholarship recipients will be honored during the association's annual Joint Stockmen's Convention in December.



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# DEADLINE ENROLLMENT FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

## 4-H Enrollment DEADLINE—March 1, 2025



### FCS SCHOOL f/k/a Home Ec School

March 7-9, 2025

Bernalillo County Extension 4-H

You must be fully enrolled by February 15, 2025



### YOUTH-GET-AWAY (YGA)

April 11-13—Glorieta, NM

You must be fully enrolled by March 1, 2025

## 4-H CLUB LEADERS and Adult Volunteers



Each year Adult Leaders and Volunteers must renew and complete the New Mexico 4-H Working with Minors certification for working directly with our youth. This course may be taken online through the Clover Academy in ZSuite or offered in person by Brittany or Madeline at your club meeting.

1. Click on Clover Academy on the left menu bar
2. Launch NM Working with Minors (even though it says completed/100%)
3. New Volunteers— just click 'Start'.
4. Scroll to the bottom of the page
5. Click on the blue button next to NM Working with Minors
6. Start Course

After completing the course, click Completion Certificate and a certificate will be available with the completion date. Make a copy of the certificate, save in a pdf file and email to the extension office—[sandoval@nmsu.edu](mailto:sandoval@nmsu.edu)

**➔ NOTE: Adult enrollments will only be approved by the State 4-H office if you are enrolled online, have your medical release uploaded into zsuite, have an approved background check, and have passed the Working with Minors module in zsuite.**

## 2025 Sandoval County Fair Heifer Challenge



It's that time of year when Beef exhibitors are looking to purchase their steers. A challenge has been proposed to increase the number of heifers shown at the 2025 County Fair.

Heifers do not sell in the Jr. Livestock Sale, so money pooled from sponsors will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

Visit with your local rancher/producer about them sponsoring your beef heifer project. If you have any questions, text Steve at (505) 220-1677.



### 4-H Livestock

A part of the New information for the 2025 NM State 4-H & FFA Livestock Tagging Guidelines and NM Fair Ear Tag Instructions are on the next page & posted on the State 4-H website.

**Sandoval County Steer Ownership Deadline: March 1, 2024**  
**All Other Livestock Ownership Deadline: May 1, 2024**

**You must attend at least 40% of your Club Meetings by July in order to exhibit your Livestock (or any 4-H Exhibit) at the Sandoval Co. Fair.**

### **IMPORTANT FROM THE STATE 4-H OFFICE!** **CHOOSING YOUR 4-H PROJECTS** **That are Self-Determined**

#### **LIVESTOCK**

Beef, Swine, Lamb, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Dog, Cat, Small pets

You must attend at least 40% of your Club Meetings in order to exhibit your livestock at the Sandoval County Fair. Club Leaders will be monitoring monthly club meeting attendance. 4-H LIVESTOCK SELF-DETERMINED PROJECTS NEED A SELF-DETERMINED RECORD SHEET. Self-determined livestock and items without a sheet will be disqualified from the fair.

#### **SELF-DETERMINED PROJECTS—i.e., Arts & Crafts, etc.**

Arts & Crafts are self-determined projects. They are listed in zsuite as self-determined when you choose Arts & Crafts. To submit your Arts & Crafts at the Sandoval County Fair, a self-determined record sheet must accompany the exhibit, or it will be disqualified for 4-H competition.

If a self-determined record sheet does not accompany the exhibit, your craft exhibit(s) will be moved to the open exhibit class, and will not qualify, if placed first in Open, for the New Mexico State Fair.



**New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service/  
New Mexico FFA Association**

In Cooperation with New Mexico Livestock Board



**GUIDE FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS**

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**THE REQUIREMENTS WRITTEN HEREIN ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME  
DUE TO ANIMAL HEALTH ISSUES THAT MAY ARISE**

Before entering any New Mexico county or state fair, all in-state junior livestock (cattle, sheep, goats and swine) to be shown must have application of an approved NM Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag by an Extension Agent, FFA Advisor or designated Fair personnel and have a New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB) Form 1 Inspection. NMLB personnel will prepare the Form 1 Inspection for the Show Season at the time of Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag application in the project animal. The Form 1 Inspection Form will serve as a form of ownership for the junior livestock exhibitor.

**\*\*\*The County Extension Agent is responsible for maintaining required records of Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag applications\*\*\***

**Youth Exhibitor New Mexico Fair (NMF) Tag will be an official New Mexico State 4-H issued USDA 840 series tag.**

**New Mexico State 4-H Issued NMF tags are to be placed in the ear at tagging by a County 4-H Agent, FFA instructor, or approved designee. If a scannable 840 tag is currently in the ear, then that tag number is to be recorded on official records for project identification. If an existing 840 tag is in place that does not scan, then the 840 number is to be recorded and the animal will also be tagged with a State 4-H issued, scannable, 982 series tag. All exhibitors must meet tagging/validation day requirements set for their county.**

THE NMLB FORM 1 INSPECTION FOR THE SHOW SEASON MUST  
OCCUR BEFORE JULY 15<sup>th</sup> OF THE CURRENT SHOW SEASON.  
AND  
IS VALID UNTIL OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup> OF THE CURRENT SHOW SEASON.

The full 2025 Guide for Livestock Exhibitors can be found here:

[2025 4-H County Fair | New Mexico State University | BE BOLD. Shape the Future.](#)

To exhibit livestock or projects for County Fair, or receive scholarships, **you must be in good 4-H standing—i.e., you must be fully enrolled, and you must have attended at least 40% of ALL club meetings, and participated in the Sandoval County Fair 4-H Clean-Up Day.**

**This includes Council Officers attendance at 4-H County Council meetings.**



# NEW TO 4-H?



Enroll your youth in 4-H today & watch them grow into Leaders for tomorrow!

**4-H Enrollment for the 2024-2025 Year Opens October 1—March 1, 2025**

**New 4-H Members may choose Two (2) Projects and we will add the Project “Welcome to NM 4-H!” We want you to embrace the Awesome 4-H Program!**



**Project Books that are not available online will be charged to you for the Cost from State 4-H Office bills to us**

**Steer Ownership Deadline is March 1 • All other Livestock Ownership Deadline May 1**

## 4-H Member Ages For 2024-2025 4-H Year Before January 1, 2025

**CLOVERBUD:** 5 to 8, years old AND in Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade



**NOVICE:** 9 to 11 years old, or 8 years old AND in the 3rd grade.

**JUNIOR:** 12 and 13 years old, or 11 years old AND in 6th grade.

**SENIOR:** 14 to 18 years old or 13 years old AND in 8th grade

**Youth who are 19 on or by December 31 of the current 4-H year (2024) are NOT eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.**

## Sandoval County 4-H Clubs

CLUB	Club Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Contact Leader	Contact TEXT ONLY PLEASE
Bernalillo Bandits	2nd Monday each Month	6:30pm	El Zocalo Bernalillo	Kelly Garcia Megan Padgett	(505)366-8113
Corralitos	1st Monday Each Month	6:30pm	Corrales Community Building/Next to Fire Station	Jessica Styer	<a href="mailto:corralitos4hclub@gmail.com">corralitos4hclub@gmail.com</a>
Cuba Coyotes	3rd Monday each Month	5:30pm	Sandoval County Fairgrounds	Anthony & Kathleen Duran	(505) 320-0989
Jemez Mountain Stallions	2nd Thursday Each month	5:30pm	San Ysidro Village Offices	Rosanna Garcia	(505) 379-7532
Jemez Red Rockers	3rd Friday each Month	4:30pm	San Ysidro Village Offices	Aimee Tang	<a href="mailto:aimeetmtang@yahoo.com">aimeetmtang@yahoo.com</a>
Placitas 4-H Club	2nd Friday Each Month	5:30pm	Placitas Library	Madeline Gurney	<a href="mailto:mgurney@nmsu.edu">mgurney@nmsu.edu</a>
Torreon Wolfpack	2nd Sunday Each Month	2:00pm	Torreon Chapter House	Lee Johnson	(505) 330-5881
Sandoval County Cooperative Extension <a href="mailto:sandoval@nmsu.edu">sandoval@nmsu.edu</a> (505) 867-2582		Brittany Johnson County Program Director 4-H / Ag Agent <a href="mailto:brittjmo@nmsu.edu">brittjmo@nmsu.edu</a>	Madeline Gurney Family & Consumer Sciences 4-H Agent <a href="mailto:mgurney@nmsu.edu">mgurney@nmsu.edu</a>	Elizabeth Hackett Extension Administrative Assistant <a href="mailto:ehackett@nmsu.edu">ehackett@nmsu.edu</a>	 <b>SANDOVAL COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WEBSITE</b> <a href="https://sandovalextension.nmsu.edu/">https://sandovalextension.nmsu.edu/</a>

# Sandoval County 4-H & State 4-H Scholarship Deadlines

## Sandoval County 4-H Scholarship Criteria

*Sponsored by Sandoval County 4-H Council*

### Scholarship Information

A Scholarship fund has been established by the 4-H County Council to provide financial assistance to 4-H members that wish to attend State, District, or County 4-H events. Scholarship will cover 50% of the registration expenses for Senior Leadership Retreat, Youth-Get-Away, Livestock School, Horse School, FCS School, 4-H Dog School, or \$250 of the team fees for serving as a State 4-H Officer, Ambassador, or a Diplomat. The scholarship will cover 100% of the registration expenses for 4-H County Camp.

The funding may not be used to attend State 4-H Conference, State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest, nor District Contest.

**Scholarship Criteria**—Available to any Novice, Junior or Senior 4-H Member.

**For Application, Link to:** <https://sandovalextension.nmsu.edu/4h/council.html>

- ➔ • 4-H member must submit a Sandoval County 4-H Scholarship application Form.
- ➔ • Scholarship Applications for the events are due 1 1/2 months before the event registration deadline. **NO EXCEPTIONS** —Must be in good 4-H Standing

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE.**

## Sandoval County 4-H Scholarship Application Deadlines

4-H EVENT	DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION
Senior Leadership Retreat	October 25, 2024
FCS School	February 1, 2025
Youth-Get-Away	February 15, 2025
Horse School	April 1, 2025
4-H Dog School	May 1, 2025
Livestock School	May 1, 2025
Ambassador/Diplomat Officer Position	May 15, 2025

## State 4-H Office Community Service & Scholarship Information

If a youth is interested in attending one of the annual events and are looking for a way to assist with registration costs they can apply for the New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarship. The scholarship will cover the registration expenses for Senior Leadership Retreat, Youth Get-Away, Livestock School, Horse School, State 4-H Conference, 4-H International Exchange, FCS School, 4-H Dog School or \$250 of the team fees for serving as a State 4-H Officer or Ambassador.

The applicant can create their own community service or if they would like to work with an organization in creating a new program that is acceptable. The project must be an activity that the youth designs, organizes and implements that will have an impact on the community. Scholarship Applications for the events are due two months before the event registration deadline. Forms must be filled out online when submitting applications. The application is approved or declined by a committee. If declined, the applicant will be asked to provide further information on the proposal.

If the applicant submitted a scholarship application for an event and received the scholarship, they need to have their community service report complete and submitted to the State 4-H Office before they can apply for the community service scholarship for any future events. The community service can be completed within a year of approval. The link for all scholarship information is here: <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/scholarships.html>



# 4-H Dates & Deadlines

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>New Year's Day &amp; Holiday—2025—</b> Extension Office Closed	January 1
Shooting Sports Informational Zoom with Brittany—6:15pm	January 14
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday—Extension Office Closed	January 20
Senior Leadership Retreat—Glorieta, NM	January 24-26
Online Horse Bowl Tournament	January 27-31
4-H Day at the Roundhouse—Santa Fe, NM	February 4
Shooting Sports Adult Leader Training—Roswell, NM	February 7-9
Tex-Mex Horse Judging Clinic—Portales	February 8
Sandoval County 4-H Enrollment Deadline	March 1
Registration Deadline for Youth Get-Away	March 1
Sandoval County Beef Ownership Deadline to show at County Fair	March 1
4-H Shooting Sports Youth Summit—Raton, NM	March TBA
FCS School—Bernalillo County Extension Office	March 7-9
County Contest—Sewing/Fashion Review—Speaking Contests	March 29
Youth Get-Away—Glorieta, NM	April 11-13
County Contest—All Other Contests	April 26
Sandoval County Livestock Ownership Deadline (Swine, Goat, Lamb, Poultry)	May 1
Horse Certificates due to the Extension Office—Deadline	May 1
4-H Members in Rodeo must have safety & met all qualifications—Deadline	May 1
NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship—Raton, NM	May 1-4
Sandoval County Tag Days	May—TBA
Small Animal School	May 17 & 18
4-H Horse School	June—TBA
NE District Shooting Sports Contest—Albuquerque	June 13
Livestock School	June 20-21
Northern District Contests	TBA
4-H Dog School	TBA
State 4-H Conference—Las Cruces, NM	July 7-10
Sandoval County Fair—Cuba, NM	July 28—August 3
New Mexico State Fair—Albuquerque	September 24-28

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