

# 2017 Texas 4-H Fashion Show

## Natural Fiber

### General Rules and Guidelines

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#### **OVERVIEW**

The 4-H Fashion Show is designed to recognize 4-H members who have completed a Clothing and Textiles project. The following objectives are taught in the Clothing and Textiles 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 Contest provides an opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit the skills learned related to Cotton and Wool/Mohair. It also recognizes 4-H members who do outstanding work in a clothing project that includes the study of cotton or wool and mohair.

#### **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.

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

The following requirements provide as fair an opportunity as possible for participation by as many outstanding 4-H members as possible. The requirements given below apply to senior members who plan to participate in the state contest. Failure to comply with the requirements will result in disqualification or penalty deductions from the final score.

1. Youth may participate in 4-H year from September 1<sup>st</sup> of grade nine through August 31 following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions.
  - Maximum age – 18 (as of August 31, 2016)Seniors: Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12
2. Participants must complete a 4-H clothing and textiles project between June 10, 2016, and the district contest in the 2016-2017 4-H year. All garments/ensembles to be judged must have been purchased (renting a garment is not permitted in the buying division) or constructed during participation in a 4-H clothing project between June 10, 2016, and the district contest in the 2016-2017 4-H year.
3. The Natural Fiber Contest has two categories: cotton and wool/mohair. Entry in the Natural Fiber Contest does not have to be the same entry as the Fashion Show Buying or Construction entry. The 4-H member must choose a category at the county level and compete in that category at all levels. 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. The appropriate garment category should be determined by the style, fabric, and use of the garment. No one may change divisions or categories between district and state contests.

4. The garment selected can be constructed or purchased. A complete outfit, except for a blouse or shirt under the garment, is made of the eligible fashion fabric. Examples include: jacket and pants made of wool, but shirt or blouse does not need to be made of wool; a full length coat made of eligible fashion fabric worn over a garment of any fiber content. Lining fabric, interfacing fabric, and trims are not required to meet the fiber content requirements.
5. Once a contestant has won first place at the state contest in one category (cotton or wool/mohair), he/she is no longer eligible to compete in that category.
6. Garments need to meet the specific requirements of either Wool/Mohair/Alpaca or Cotton. See the table below for specific requirements.

Cotton	Each garment entered must contain a minimum of 60% cotton. Knowledge of fiber characteristics, production, and end use is required.
Wool/Mohair/Alpaca	Each garment entered must contain a minimum of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60% wool and 40% other fiber.</li> <li>• 60% mohair and 40% other fiber.</li> <li>• 60% blend of the two fibers and 40% other fiber.</li> <li>• 100% wool/mohair blend is also acceptable.</li> </ul>

7. If the Fashion Show Natural Fiber Entry Form does not show that the entry meets the eligibility requirements, the entry will be disqualified.

**NECESSARY FORMS**

The 2017 Texas 4-H Fashion Natural Fiber Entry Form is required for participants in the 2017 Texas 4-H Fashion Show.

**JUDGING CRITERIA**

Fashion Show Natural Fiber judging is based on the 2017 Fashion Show Natural Fiber Score Sheet. A panel of judges will evaluate and score the entries based on their Fashion Show paperwork and interviews.

Presentations will not be permitted during the interview judging. 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, missing orientation, and not turning in donor thank-you notes.

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

1. Knowledge of fiber characteristics and uses sub-total score.
2. Ability to apply knowledge sub-total score.
3. Appearance, fit, and fashionability sub-total score.
4. Garment is well made.

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