

# 2025 DISTRICT 5 4-H RECORD BOOK JUDGING INFORMATION

Recordkeeping is a valuable skill taught to members of the Texas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep project records and have these records reviewed annually by submitting a Texas 4-H Record Book. The primary purposes of completing a Record Book are for a young person to develop the skills necessary to set goals, work toward achieving those goals, reflect on his/her experiences, and set new and higher goals for themselves. A secondary benefit is to prepare young people for the process of completing academic scholarship and/or collegiate admission applications.

## District Judging Date

- Tuesday, July 16, 2025

## Judging Guidelines

- See the Family Record Book guidelines on the Texas 4-H website for a complete set of rules and a list of categories. [https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/record_book_2024_2025_family_guide.pdf)


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## How to Register

- Enter individually on 4HOnline at <https://texas.4honline.com>
- No fee to participate.
- All registrations for the 2024-2025 District contests will be conducted on the Texas 4HOnline system. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member and their parent to ensure they are registered on time and correctly.

## District Deadlines

- Regular registration is open from **May 30 to June 27, 2025.**
- No late registration will be accepted.



**2025 DISTRICT 5  
4-H RECORD BOOK  
JUDGING DATES**

*County Judging:* Contact your local office for due date

*Register 4HOnline:* **May 30-June 27**

*Upload Submittable:* **by July 7**

*District Judging:* **July 16**

**NEW**  
Registration in 4HOnline is required to have your book judged and uploaded as a PDF into Submittable.  
Click here for 2024-2025 Record Book guidelines.

**Record Book Judging Categories**

Animal Agriculture	Gardening & Horticulture	Rabbit
Beef	Goat	Range Science & Agronomy
Citizenship, Civic Education & Community Service	Health & Personal Safety	STEM
Dog Care & Training	Horse	Sheep
Consumer Education	Leadership	Shooting Sports
Entomology	Natural Resources	Swine
Fashion & Interior Design	Photography	Visual & Performance Arts
Food & Nutrition	Poultry	Veterinary Science
	Public Speaking	

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## Submitting Record Books

- Record Books will need to be uploaded electronically via Submittable no later than **July 7, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.** The District office is unable to accept Record Books in any other form.
- Record Books are to be uploaded as a PDF file into Submittable via link emailed to you after registration on 4HOnline. If you do not have a Submittable account, you will need to set up a profile, at no charge, using this link: <https://texas4-hyouthdevelopment.submittable.com/signup>
- Record Books will not need to be bound in a folder.
- Including the agent check form is optional. Verification will be done through the registration approval process on 4HOnline.

## Entry Divisions (grade by August 31, 2024)

- Junior                Grades 3, 4, and 5
- Intermediate      Grades 6, 7, and 8
- Senior                Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12

## County Entries

- Record Books are reviewed and approved by the county agent in order to qualify to participate in the District judging event. Be sure to check with your agent to determine the date your Record Book is due at the county-level.
- Each county may submit one entry per category per age division.

## Awards

- Awards will be mailed to county offices.
- Placing information, based upon highest to lowest scores, will also be emailed to county agents. Official results will be posted on the District 5 Facebook page and website by July 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place will be presented a 4-H medal and places 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> will receive a 4-H ribbon.
- Entry via 4HOnline gives permission to the District office to use the participant's name and/or photograph as needed for marketing and promotion purposes.

## Scorecards

- Rankings, judges' comments, and other correspondence will be sent to the email address of the person submitting the Record Book. Please allow up to one week for processing.
- See attached scorecard.



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## Qualifying for State Record Book Judging

- Senior age division youth placing 1<sup>st</sup> in each category and scoring 80 percent or above will advance to state for judging.
- Participants that qualify for state judging will register via 4HOnline and will upload their book via Submittable.
- State Record Book judging is scheduled for August 12 and 14 via Submittable. The State office will provide specific information closer to the judging date.



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