

2025 ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligibility will be handled directly between the GCF&R, Ag Instructors, Galveston County Extension Agents and the Schools. Forms will not be released to 4-H Leaders, Youth Exhibitors/Participants or Parents.

Eligibility for ALL shows/events/contests which require eligibility status will be handled in the following manner:

1. An eligibility list of all youth exhibitors/participants will be provided by the GCF&R to the respective Ag Instructor or the Galveston County Extension Agent. All public, private and home schools will be contacted for Eligibility status
2. The Ag instructor will send the FFA Eligibility List to the school officials for the exhibitors/participants from their Chapter. The Ag instructor will then send the completed list directly to the GCF&R. This list will be kept on file in the Fair Office.
3. The Galveston County Extension Agent will send the 4-H Eligibility List to the School Officials for all of the 4-H exhibitors/participants. The Galveston County Extension Agent will then send the completed list directly to the GCF&R. This list will be kept on file in the Fair Office.
4. The GCF&R will send eligibility for participation in Senior Citizens Day, Special Kids Day & Schools Day. The school officials will send the completed list directly to the GCF&R. This list will be kept on file in the Fair Office.
5. All **ineligible** exhibitors/participants will be immediately notified by the Ag Instructor, the Galveston County Extension Agent or the GCF&R.
6. Discrepancies with eligibility status must be resolved between the exhibitor, the exhibitor's parent(s)/guardian(s), and the designated school officials as soon as possible.
7. Any change resulting from a discrepancy in eligibility status must be documented in writing and relayed only by the designated school officials to the GCF&R **PRIOR TO CHECK-IN (LIVESTOCK, YOUTH PROJECT SHOW & AG MECHANICS) OR ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE (EVENTS/CONTESTS).**
8. **ANY FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY APPLICABLE GCF&R RULES MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC. FOR THE YEAR IN WHICH THE VIOLATION OCCURS AND THE EXHIBITOR WILL FORFEIT ALL AWARDS AND/OR PROCEEDS. THE EXHIBITOR WILL ALSO BE DISQUALIFIED FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE 2026 FAIR.**
9. These rules apply to all applicable shows/events/contests which require eligibility status. An absence from school will be requested by GCF&R for those youth who are assisting with Senior Citizen's Day, Special Kid's Day, and/or Schools Day. All other requested absences in regards to participation under FFA must be addressed to the exhibitor's respective Ag Instructor and in regards to participation under 4-H must be addressed to the Galveston County Extension Agent.

Fair officials reserve the right to change the rules, dates, times and places due to unforeseen circumstances.

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