

## 2026 Kalamazoo County 4-H State Horse Show Information

As an exhibitor in good standing in the Kalamazoo County 4-H Horse Project, youth with a 4-H age 12 and above may apply to represent Kalamazoo at the Michigan State 4-H horse show. A limited number of delegates may participate, so there is a selection process based on performance, both with points earned in competition and points earned within the horse project. All applications to be a state delegate will be reviewed by the selection committee, who reserves the right to consider exceptional uncontrollable circumstances. Qualified delegates will be selected up to the state quota, as well as two alternates who would compete if one or more delegates are unable to attend. An exhibitor must show at fair to show at state that same year and must represent the county in a positive manner. The committee reserves the right to remove state delegate privileges if the member does not demonstrate positive sportsmanship or does not participate in mandatory horse project activities (premium classes, adequate exercise, stall cleaning, etc.).

4-H members will apply to represent the state show in one of the following disciplines:

Gymkhana      Western      English      Western & English Dressage      Ranch

Points will only be considered in the discipline that the youth is applying to ride in (i.e. if applying to participate in western disciplines at the state show, gymkhana and dressage points would not count). See Appendix A for a listing of all discipline point assignments. If showing in both western and English classes, the combined score will be used.

Point Calculations:

- Show points are used from the current year's 4-H youth show and last year's fair.
- Participation points are based on the paragraph written and participation in the project.
- The same horse must be exhibited at fair and the state show, although points from a previous horse's fair performance will count.
- If exhibiting more than one horse, only the primary project horse's points will count from fair. Only one horse's points may be used from the 4-H youth show.

Requirements:

- 4-H Age 12 and Above
- 4-H member in good standing with Horse Leader signature and rating.
- Must be in the top 5 overall performers in your discipline if you are applying in only one discipline. If you are applying in Western **and** English, your overall performance will be considered
- 4-H member must complete this application him/herself, and any extenuating circumstances must be explained by the member, not a leader or a parent
- Complete Kalamazoo County application with Horse Leader signature by the end of the 4-H youth show.
- Those who are selected will enroll to attend the state show on an electronic form through MSU Extension.
- Project Horse declared by May 1 guideline and 4-H youth show points are based on Project horse.

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### APPENDIX A

Note that classes from the 4-H youth show that are not featured at fair do not count in points (examples include halter, sweepstakes, junior horse, etc.). **Grand Champion Classes do count toward total points.**

Gymkhana Points	Western Points	English Points	Dressage Points	Ranch
Showmanship	Showmanship*	Showmanship*	Showmanship	Showmanship
	Western Pleasure			Pleasure
Pole Bending	Western Trail	English Pleasure**	Dressage Suitability	Riding
Speed & Action	Western Horsemanship	English Equitation**	Dressage Equitation	Reining
Indiana Flag	Western Riding	English Riding	Dressage Tests▶	Trail
Cloverleaf	Western Bareback	English Trail	Western Dressage	
Keyhole	Versatility*	Jumping***		
Versatility		English Bareback		
		Versatility*		

\*if showing in both western and English disciplines at state, showmanship, basic riding & versatility are only counted once.

\*\*English pleasure and equitation points are only calculated in one seat (i.e. hunt seat or saddle seat, not both).

\*\*\*Maximum of two jumping classes from the 4-H Youth show and a maximum of two jumping classes from fair.

▶ Maximum of two dressage tests from the 4-H youth show and a maximum of two dressage tests from fair.

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Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Project Club \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Age \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline Requested (circle one):

Gymkhana

Western

English

Western & English

Dressage

I understand that to be selected, I must be:

- 4-H Age 13 and Above
- A 4-H member in good standing
- In the top 5 overall performers in my discipline (if applying for one discipline, or total points if applying in Western and English)
- Completing this application myself, and any extenuating circumstances must be explained by me, not a leader or a parent
- Complete Kalamazoo County application with Horse Leader signature by the deadline of July 1.
- Participating in this year's 4-H youth show and fair with the same horse that I will take to state. No alternate horses are allowed
- I understand that I must be able to complete the online registration form for the state show by the MSU Extension stated deadlines.

Why I want to be a state delegate (a separate page may be added if needed):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Horse Project Leader Signature

Points awarded by 4-H Horse Project Leader \_\_\_\_\_ (max of 30)