

# 4-H Wool & Make It With Wool Contests

## General Information:

- ☛ All contestants must be involved in a 4-H club or other 4-H programming approved by county/state extension personnel. To be eligible the garment(s) entered must be completed during the current 4-H year.
- ☛ Refer to the “Idaho 4-H Wool Contest Guidelines and Portfolio Packet” for more details. A copy can be downloaded from the 4-H website or you can request a copy from your County Extension Office.

## Pattern and Fabric Guidelines:

- ☛ The garment or outfit constructed for the Wool Contest can be for yourself or someone else. (*Note: if entry is for another individual, that person must wear entry in a county style revue or fit-interview.*)
- ☛ Wool fabric or yarn must be used for the majority (approximately 80%) of the outer garment. For example the lining of the jacket would not be part of the outer garment and would not need to have any wool fibers.
- ☛ Select and have wool fiber content verified. Fabric **MUST** be **100% Wool** or at least **60% Wool Blend** with no more than 40% being other fibers. Specialty wool/hair fibers in the fabric can be counted as wool. Example of specialty wool/hair fibers are mohair, cashmere, alpaca, etc. Contact your 4-H Wool District Contact or the Idaho MIWW Contest Director with questions on these specialty fibers.

## Required Wool or Wool Blend Fabric Testing:

- ☛ Testing for wool fiber content should be done before the wool entry is submitted for the District/State judging.
- ☛ To get wool fabric content verified send the following to the Idaho MIWW directors:
  - A square (5”x5”) sample of fabric(s) you need tested for wool content.
  - Include a \$5 testing fee per sample being tested. Make checks payable to: Bear Lake County Extension.
- ☛ **Recommendation:** Testing can be done at any time during the year. Have a sample of wool or wool blend fabric tested **before purchasing** or **before starting construction** to avoid investing time and money into an entry that is ineligible for both contests.

NOTE: The testing is done at MSU’s Wool Laboratory. The results can take several weeks to be returned, so send sample(s) as soon as possible before the deadline.

## Judging Division Requirements:

- ☛ Contest entries will be divided into two skill divisions and then by three age levels. The two (2) skill divisions are:
  - **Basic Skill Division:** Contestant age division is preteen or the constructed garment or outfit has less than four (4) advanced construction skills and contestant age division is Junior or Senior.
  - **Advanced Skill Division:** Garment(s) or outfit must have *at least* four (4) skills from the advanced construction skill list and contestant age division is Junior or Senior.
- ☛ The three (3) age levels are determined by contestants’ age as of **January 1, 2014**.
  - **Preteens:** age 8-11 (turn 9-12 during yr.)
  - **Juniors:** age 12-15 (turn 13-16 during yr.)
  - **Seniors:** age 16-18 (turn 17-19 during yr.)

## Advanced Construction Skills:

- ☛ **Advanced Sewing Skills:** Advanced seams finishes or hems; full or partial lined garment; underlining; interlining; collar/lapel; buttonhole; pad stitching; sleeves 1 or 2 pieces; pleats/tucks; welts or patch pockets.
- ☛ **Advanced Knit or Crochet Skills:** Waistline, casing, waistband; lining (inserting a similar item constructed of light weight fabric used on the inside of a garment to give it a finishing look).
- ☛ **Junior & Senior Advanced Type of Clothing:**
  - One-piece garment like a dress, jumper; (lined) outerwear jacket, coat or cape.
  - Two-piece outfit like a garment (lined), outerwear coat, jacket cape; blouse/shirt; pants or shorts that go together to cover the body.
  - Ensemble outfit has 3 or more garments worn together at one time like a jacket, shirt/blouse with pants or skirt, outerwear coat, jacket cape; vest and/or sweater with a dress, jumper, skirt; pants or shorts.
  - Knit/Crochet: Any of the above garments alone or worn together with a sewn garment(s).

## Basic Type of Clothing:

- ☛ **Preteens & Junior Basic Level Example:**
  - One-piece garment like a dress, jumper, skirt, pants, shorts, vest, shirt/blouse or jacket.
  - Outfit with less than 4 Advanced Skills.
  - Knit/Crochet: sweater, vest, etc.



## Objective and Goals:

- ☛ The Promotion Division of the Idaho Wool Growers Association and the Idaho 4-H Youth Development Program objective is to encourage youth, who meet the skill and age requirements, to participate by using 100% Wool or 60% Wool Blend fabric or yarn:
  - Increase a youth’s knowledge of using wool fabric or yarns for clothing construction.
  - Promote the use of wool fabric and yarns in the construction of a garment or outfit.
  - Offer continuing educational opportunities by awarding the top 4-H contestants cash awards.

## 4-H Wool Contest Awards:

- ☛ For the last 25 years, the Promotion Division of the Idaho Wool Growers Association has supported Idaho’s 4-H members who selected wool fabrics or yarns to construct a garment or outfit. Over the years, their support has changed from college scholarships and saving bonds to cash awards. Winners are encouraged to use their award to advance their education. Procedures for claiming the award will be sent after the State Wool Contest.
- ☛ 4-H Wool Contest awards are divided into two divisions: Basic and Advanced. In those divisions the awards are divided by the four 4-H Extension Districts: Northern, Southern II, Southern III and Eastern District.

## Basic Skill Division:

- ☛ Each District’s top scoring entry will receive a \$25 award.
- ☛ The state’s highest scoring entry in the division will be named the **Idaho’s Top Basic Wool Contestant** and will receive an additional \$100 and a framed certificate.

## Advanced Skill Division:

- ☛ Each District’s top scoring entry will receive a \$100 award.
- ☛ The state’s highest scoring entry in the division will be named the **Idaho’s Top Advanced Wool Contestant** and will receive an additional \$600 and a framed certificate.
- ☛ The entry with the **second highest** score in this division will receive \$300.
- ☛ The entry with the **third highest** score in the division will receive \$150.
- ☛ *The advanced 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place state winners will be determined by their score and do not need to be a top district winner.*

Previous winners **are** eligible to enter future Idaho 4-H Wool Contests and Make It With Wool Contests as long as they meet the Skill Division and Age Level requirements.

## To Enter 4-H Wool & MIWW Contests

- ✿ **4-H Wool Contest:** participants need to complete the “Wool Entry Form”. This entry form can be downloaded from the 4-H website or you can request a copy from your County Extension Office.
- ✿ **Make It With Wool (participation optional):** Those who wish to enter the MIWW contest need to request a copy of the Idaho MIWW guidelines packet from Sharlene Woffinden, Idaho MIWW Director. The packet will include the MIWW national entry form and details on what is required to participate in the Idaho MIWW Contest.

## How and where to submit entry form(s):

- ✿ For **Wool Contest** e-mail or mail form to your 4-H District Contact.
- ✿ For **MIWW Contest** follow instructions on MIWW entry form and mail forms as instructed along with a **\$12.00 entry fee** to National MIWW address.

## Deadlines to enter:

- ✿ **Wool Contest:** No later than your County Fair’s entry date or by the date designated by District Contact.
- ✿ **MIWW Contest:** Official entry form **MUST** be received by the State MIWW Director before October 1, 2014.

## To qualify for 4-H State Wool Contest:

- ✿ Garment or outfit, which meets county 4-H project and wool fabric percentage requirements, **MUST** receive a **blue ribbon or comparable award** in local style revue or a fit-interview judging.

## Following the County Fair:

- ✿ Complete the 4-H Wool Contest Portfolio.
- ✿ Have County Extension Office notify the District Wool Contact with the results from the County Fair within one week of fair completion.

## State Wool Contest Preparation:

- ✿ For **Wool Contest** contact District Contact and follow their instructions.
- ✿ For **MIWW** make arrangements to participate in the MIWW State Interview judging which will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the Idaho 4-H State Leaders’ Forum in Lewiston, Idaho.

## Idaho 4-H Wool Contacts

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