



## 4-H Club Membership Policies – Age & Residency Fulton & Montgomery Counties

### **4-H Club Membership Policy – Regarding Age Eligibility**

As of June 2014

- Any person, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, or disability may enroll as a 4-H member.
- The New York State 4-H program year runs from October 1 to September 30.
- Youth who are five years of age, on or before January 1 of the program year may enroll as a 4-H Cloverbud member. A 4-H Cloverbud member must be part of a 4-H Club; a 4-H Cloverbud member may NOT be an independent 4-H Member.
- Youth who are at least eight years of age, on or before January 1 of the current program year may enroll as a regular 4-H club member or a 4-H independent member
- Youth who have reached their nineteenth birthday before January 1 of the current 4-H program year may not enroll as a 4-H member.
- Persons with an intellectual disability may participate fully in 4-H programs as long as their developmental age is considered to fall between five and nineteen years of age.

### **4-H Member/Club Residency Policy**

As of February 17, 1998

- An individual youth residing in a town bordering Fulton and Montgomery Counties wishing to affiliate with the Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Program will be handled on a case by case basis.
- In the case of 4-H club affiliation, all three of the following rules must be met for a 4-H club to be part of the Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Program:

- 1.) The majority of youth members must reside in or attend school in Fulton or Montgomery County.
- 2.) The 4-H club organizational leader(s) must reside in Fulton or Montgomery County.
- 3.) The 4-H club's meeting location must be in Fulton or Montgomery County.

If the club does not meet these criteria, it will not be allowed to affiliate with the Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Program.

- Because the 4-H program uses public funds allocated to Cooperative Extension through the local county governments and because the 4-H Youth Development Committee foresees a problem in opening the doors to cross-county affiliation, the above policy was proposed and adopted.

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