



- “Member” is defined as a youth of 4-H age individually enrolled at the county level in a 4-H club.
- 4-H age is the age of the individual on January 1 of the current 4-H year (which runs from October 1 to September 30).
- In recognition of the educational and developmental needs of youth, members will be grouped for program management purposes (based on age as of January 1) as follows:

<u>Classification:</u>	<u>Age:</u>
Cloverbuds	5 to 7 years old
Junior	8 to 10 years old
Intermediate	11 to 13 years old
Senior	14 to 18 years old

- Cloverbuds is a non-competitive educational program for youth ages 5 to 7 years designed to introduce young children to 4-H in a fun, non-competitive way. Cloverbuds curricula are activity oriented, involve cooperative learning, and are focused on life skills taught through a broad spectrum of subject areas. Cloverbuds may not participate in large animal, ATV or shooting sports projects. Cloverbud members may be involved in lap animal projects. These are defined as: rabbits, cavies, small dogs that weigh less than the member, chickens, and mini-goats. Fair exhibits by Cloverbuds are optional but must be noncompetitive.
- 4-H members ages 8 to 18 years are eligible to participate in all programs offered by 4-H, including competitive activities/events. Individuals older than 18 years of age who have special needs are eligible to participate in 4-H, provided they are still enrolled in high school.
- 4-H membership is open to all eligible youth. Clubs are required to have at least 5 members from no fewer than three families; however, the maximum number of club members and type of projects offered will be established by individual club leaders.
- Enrollment in 4-H or any 4-H program is subject to approval by the appropriate extension personnel. To be eligible for enrollment and/or participation, previous members must be in compliance with state and county policies, and not have any outstanding debts/payments due.
- Youth may enroll in 4-H at any time throughout the year. However, local deadlines must be met to participate in specific 4-H activities or events (i.e., fairs, camps, etc.). 4-H/FFA members taking a livestock project that is weighed in or the ownership requirements are prior to April 15, must be enrolled and active one week prior to the weigh in of the animal specie they will be taking or they will not be able to weigh in or participate in showing the animal. **Minidoka County’s Enrollment Deadline for Fair Participation is: April 15.** Members may join after this date but may not be able to meet project or club requirements in order to participate at the fair.
- In order to sell an animal at the Minidoka County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale, 4-H/FFA youth must reside within the Minidoka County School District. In addition, FFA youth must be an active member of the Minico FFA Chapter only.
 - a. The annexed area North of I-84 (exit 216) and east of the Snake River as far as to meet the school district boundary is also to be included.
 - b. Members which currently attend a school within the Minidoka County School District and provide proof of attendance at a Minidoka County School are also included regardless of residency.
- Minidoka County 4-H members are required to attend at least six (6) meetings in their primary club, give a demonstration or illustrated talk for each project taken, and complete record books following the project requirements.
- **Enrollment and Participation Fees for 4-H members are:**

Idaho State Participation Fee	\$15.00 per member, \$45.00 per family maximum
Regular & Cloverbud 4-H Members	\$10.00 per member

(example – 4 kids in the family- first three members fees are \$25.00 each and the fourth youth is \$10.00; total \$85.00)
All fees include \$1.00 required accident insurance.
- For additional policies and procedures refer to the University of Idaho 4-H Youth Development Policies and Procedures publication #91605.

**Updates have been highlighted*