

## **DIVISION 6016 - STATE HORTICULTURE CONTEST**

Monday, August 24, 2026; Check-in and Registration: 9:30 AM in Cloverville; Judging: 10:00 AM; Awards: 1:00 PM in Cloverville

1. See General Rules applying to all 4-H exhibitors and general rules applying to 4-H demonstrations and judging events.
2. All individuals and teams must be registered electronically through the State Fair Entry Department by the deadline.
3. This event will follow the guidelines of the National Junior Horticultural Association Horticulture Contest. NJHA web site: [www.njha.org/](http://www.njha.org/).
4. There is a Junior and Senior division in this contest at the State Fair.
5. Individuals who have previously competed in any division of this contest at the national level (NJHA) are ineligible to compete in the 4-H division.
6. Senior age level individuals may participate at the National Event (NJHA) in the Open Division at their own expense if they meet the qualifications.

### **HORTICULTURE CONTEST RULES:**

1. Individuals do not have to qualify for participation in the Kentucky 4-H Horticulture Contest through an area/regional event to be eligible for participation.
2. Age divisions: Junior Level (ages 9-13 years old as of January 1 of current year); Senior Level (ages 14-19 years old as of January 1 of current year)
3. Junior-level 4-H participants: There is no limit on how many youth can participate from a county. For scoring, only the top four individual scores from each county will count toward the county team score. Any additional scores beyond the top four will not be included in the team total.
4. Senior-level 4-H participants: There is no limit on how many youth can participate from a county. For scoring, only the top four individual scores from each county will count toward the county team score. Any additional scores beyond the top four will not be included in the team total. The top four individuals from the Champion county are eligible to participate in the National Contest. Youth not entered as part of a county team will not be eligible for team advancement to the National Event.
5. Contest will consist of the following five parts:
  - Tree & Shrub Identification 20%
  - Fruit & Nut Identification 20%
  - Vegetable Identification 20%
  - Flower and Houseplant Identification 20%
  - Judging 20%
6. No clear clipboards are permitted.
7. There will be a 60-minute time limit.

*595 Junior Division: 9-13 years old as of January 1 of current year.*

Top Team Members - Grand Champion; 2nd Place Team Members - Reserve Grand Champion

*596 Senior Division, 14-19 years old as of January 1 of current year.*

Top Team Members – Grand Champion (Eligible for trip to National Contest); 2nd Place Team Members – Reserve Champion

Top Team Members will receive \$500, payable to the Kentucky 4-H Foundation, which will be distributed by the Foundation to cover expenses related to National Junior Horticultural Association Contest.

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