**Section 260.300 Appropriation and Eligibility**

a) University of Illinois extension units shall be eligible to participate in appropriations made to the Department of Agriculture for premiums and judges' fees paid at county 4-H shows or exhibitions approved by the State 4-H Office and based on the Accountability for Agricultural Premiums report in the following order in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the Act:

 1) cash premiums awarded; and

 2) judges' fees paid (not to exceed $800).

b) County 4-H shows or exhibitions must have separate and distinct classes from junior and open show classes.

c) All exhibit classes or types of projects must be approved by the University of Illinois Extension State 4-H Office within three weeks prior to the show or exhibition.

d) All projects must be competitively judged and exhibited at a public display where reasonable prior public notice of the event has been given. If judged and exhibited at a county fair, the projects must be shown and judged separately from junior and open show classes.

e) The amount or method used to determine the amount of the 4-H premium must be publicly stated and notice sent to the University of Illinois Extension State 4-H Office in advance of the show or exhibition. The premium amounts must be on a graduated scale.

f) Only one show or exhibition of a class or type of project work will be eligible for awards as provided in Section 14 of the Agricultural Fair Act.

g) Only awards to eligible 4-H members during the current year are eligible for reimbursement.

h) Livestock and exhibits must be on the fairgrounds on the opening day of the 4-H show and remain until the close of the 4-H show, unless earlier dismissal is granted by the Bureau in accordance with Section 260.50(a).

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