

As of October 1, 2005

4-H Club Membership Policy

- 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 Club year runs from October 1 to September 30th.
- Youth who are five through eight years of age on or before January 1st of the club year and enrolled in kindergarten through second grade should enroll as a 4-H Cloverbud member. (Note that not all county associations offer the Cloverbud program.)
- Youth who are at least eight years of age by January 1st of the current club year and in the third grade or higher should enroll as a 4-H member.
- Youth who have reached their nineteenth birthday before January 1st of the 4-H club year may not enroll as a 4-H member.
- Persons considered to be mentally challenged may participate fully in 4-H programs as long as their mental age is determined to fall between five and nineteen years of age.