

## VIRGINIA STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW “HORSE SHOW HERO” PROGRAM

The Virginia State 4-H Horse Show Committee and its participants must work together to meet the ever-increasing financial challenges. With the rising costs of putting on the Virginia State 4-H Horse Show and the loss of state funding we are asking for the youth to play a larger role in helping fund the show. Additional efforts are being taken to address this challenge via avenues such as program advertisements and solicitation of new corporate sponsors. This show could not happen without the support of our industry and the many people involved. The Horse Show Hero Program is a way to garner support of the show while also making it easier for youth to attend. While this program is completely voluntary, we do encourage our youth to step forward and work to make a difference. Sponsorships may be solicited after the deadline, however we cannot guarantee they will be added into the show program.

New for 2021:  
Units with the largest funds raised as of July 12 will have priority stabling choice!

The 4-Hers exhibiting in the horse show may ask friends, family, and businesses to become a “Horse Show Hero” in support of the Virginia 4-H Horse Show and Program. Tax deductible receipts will be provided for gifts over \$25. *All Horse Show Hero funds should be submitted to your Extension agent for them to submit with the full Unit Orientation Report Form.*

### 4-H Horse Show Hero Support Levels:

1. \$175 and less total in donations will allow the 4-Hers to be entered into prize drawings
2. \$265 in donations will drop the entry fee to \$90
3. \$350 or more in donations will drop the entry fee to \$0 for one horse
4. **Competitors bring two horses:** \$750 or more in donations will drop the entry fee to \$0

To receive credit, hero sponsorship money and a form on the next page for **each** Hero Sponsor must be sent with show entries. Please also complete the Horse Show Hero summary excel form. After the entry deadline, no alterations in credit can be given but additional sponsor money will be accepted. All checks will be cashed soon after receipt. Donations are transferable to another exhibitor but not refundable. If a youth is not showing but wishes to participate in the Horse Show Hero Program they are welcome to turn in money or give it to another 4-Her planning to show in the current year show.

If a 4-Her secures more than \$350.00 and wishes to assign an amount to a fellow 4-Her and help them gain credit toward their entry fee they must **include the name of the fellow 4-Her, county and horse they have entered**. To be credited, only money secured before the show entry deadline will be counted for discount credit on the entry fee. Only the 4-Her who secures the money will receive “full” credit for the amount secured to be eligible for the Horse Show Hero awards.

**Please DO NOT send cash.** Checks and money orders made payable to the **Virginia Tech Foundation – 4-H Horse Show** will only be accepted. The gift receipt for tax purposes will be addressed to the name on the check according to the Virginia Tech Foundation policy. If money is collected from numerous sources and one check is written; only the name on that check will receive a gift receipt.

All youth who secure *any* amount of Hero sponsorships will be eligible to choose a gift from numerous free prizes donated by our sponsors, vendors, and friends. The 4-Her who secures the highest dollar amount of sponsorships as of July 12 will receive four seats for the Washington International Horse Show in October 2021! **In addition to the top three 4-H members who secure the highest dollar amount of sponsorships totaling \$850 or more, as of July 12, will receive a special 4-H Horse Hero embroidered item of choices offered.**

See the website for information and forms - <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/horse/events/state-horse-show.html>  
Contact – Sandy Arnold, Youth Equine Extension Associate – [horse4h@vt.edu](mailto:horse4h@vt.edu)

Be A  
**4-H Horse Show HERO!**

The Virginia 4-H Program is proud to host the Virginia State 4-H Horse Show in one of the finest show facilities in the country. The outstanding Virginia youth work hard to train and show their own horses at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington. YOU can become a Horse Show Hero with your tax deductible donation to the program. And then come see your investment in action on September 9-21, 2021! The BEST will be competing in the spirit of good horsemanship and sportsmanship as they constantly strive to "Make the Best Better."

**2021 4-H Horse Show Hero**  
*Please Print clearly!*

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Given \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Specify if there is a particular class or division you would like your name associated with in the show program as a sponsor. If sponsorships come in after July 12, we cannot guarantee information will be included in the show program, but we will continue to accept donations. Include the class number and name below:

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Make check payable to Virginia Tech Foundation - Horse (or VTF-Horse)

Mail Hero sponsorships **with the horse show entry to:**

VA State 4-H Horse Show Entry  
Attn: Sandy Arnold, Youth Equine Ext. Assoc.  
5527 Sullivans Mill Road  
Middleburg, VA 20117

**4-Her responsible for this Hero:** \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

This form must accompany **each** Hero check so that a gift receipt may be provided to the Hero! Gift receipts will only be sent to the name on the check. Please **do not** send CASH.

There will be no refunds of Horse Hero donations. However, they can be transferred to another 4-H member up until the scratch deadline of September 1, 2021.

**Deadline July 12, 2021.**