



Grant County 4-H Youth Development 4-H Fundraising Guide and Request to Fundraise

Who Can Raise Funds in 4-H?

Fundraising is conducted to help raise money for chartered 4-H club, program, and group (groups include 4-H councils or committees) treasuries. Family 4-H groups, other non-chartered entities, or clubs/groups without an EIN number are not eligible to use the 4-H Name and Emblem to fundraise. Clubs/groups occasionally sponsor fundraising as needed to meet the educational goals and needs of the club.

Purpose of 4-H Fundraisers

Fundraisers, broadly defined, are selling useable, useful or edible products or services usually in exchange for money. For several reasons, 4-H clubs/groups are asked not to get involved in too many fundraisers. 4-H club, committee, area council and county council funds help defer costs associated with 4-H educational trips, programs, opportunities, scholarships, club needs, community service projects, and are used to support recognition of 4-H members and leaders. Money derived from 4-H fundraising activities must be used to strengthen and enhance the educational mission of 4-H. Understanding financial goals and deciding how a club should spend its funds is part of the 4-H educational experience. Use discretion and common sense when deciding how to raise and use the funds. 4-H clubs must determine their goals prior to engaging in fundraising activities. Funds for program enhancements may be accepted from donors on a local, county, district, and/or state basis, provided the support is offered without restrictive criteria and is consistent with the purposes of the 4-H Youth Development Program. Restrictive criteria include use of mandatory products, trade names, breed association requirements, etc. In connection with 4-H fundraising purposes, the following disclaimer statement must be used on products or services offered for sale: *(A portion of the sales price of this product or service will be used to promote 4-H educational programs. No endorsement of the product or service by 4-H is implied or intended.)* NOTE: To ensure the safety of youth, please do not allow 4-H'ers to do fundraisers alone.

Approval Process for 4-H Fundraisers

The WA State 4-H Policy requires that all 4-H club/group fundraisers have prior approval by their local 4-H County Extension Office. Please fill out and send a completed 4-H Request to Fundraise form to the Extension Office within 30 days of the fundraising decision and prior to initiating any fundraising activity. If you do not receive a response from the Extension Office within 30 days of submitting the form, please follow up with the 4-H Program Coordinator/Assistant. Failure to submit this form may result in your club/group losing its privilege to handle funds. If 4-H clubs/groups are interested in conducting a raffle, or any other games of chance, you must contact the Extension Office for additional information.

Additionally, WA State 4-H Policy requires careful record keeping for all fundraisers, from recording the decision to hold the fundraiser in the meeting minutes, to properly documenting all related expenses and funds received. Properly accounting for fundraisers is part of the annual financial reports each club/group turns in to the Extension Office at the end of the 4-H year. Your general club leader and/or council/committee treasurer should be familiar with the process as outlined in the current WA State 4-H Policy, 4-H Treasurer's Book, and 4-H Leader's Guide to Handling Funds.

Only the Request to Fundraise form included in this document needs to be completed and returned to the Extension Office for approval.

Grant County Clubs, please send forms to the Extension Office.

Deliver or Mail to:

Grant County 4-H Program
WSU Extension
1525 E. Wheeler Rd.
Moses Lake, WA 98837

Email to:

grant.4h@wsu.edu

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Request to Fundraise

All 4-H fundraising activities need prior approval from the county 4-H Program Coordinator or 4-H Youth Development Regional Specialist. Return this form to your 4-H county extension office within 30 days of the fundraising decision and **prior to** the fundraising activity. Please attach additional pages as needed. This form should be completed in collaboration with youth members of the club/group. You will need to work with 4-H staff for any fundraiser that requires a Facility Use Agreement and Certificate of Insurance (at least 60 days prior to the event).

Please type or print neatly all sections below.

4-H Club Name:		Date:
Contact Person: <i>(certified volunteer in charge of event)</i>	Phone:	Email:

PART A

Date for Activity:	Estimated Expenses:	Estimated Income:
Name and Address of Facility where the event is being held (if applicable): <i>(please print)</i>		
If the fundraiser involves serving food, please list the name of the 4-H adult volunteer who will be participating at the event and who has received a current food handlers permit from county health district. <i>(please print)</i>		
Describe the activity, including products to be sold or services to be rendered. <i>(please print)</i>		
Describe how the funds raised will be used. <i>All moneys received from 4-H fundraising programs, except those necessary to pay reasonable expenses, must be expended to further 4-H educational programs. (please print)</i>		
Marketing Strategies: <i>Write down how you will promote your fundraiser. Example: For a fruit sale fundraiser, you may advertise on your Facebook page, send email to prospective customers, etc. (please print)</i>		

Risk Analysis: Write down the risks and insecurities your fundraiser is likely to face. Example: For a fruit sale fundraiser, a risk is that fruit is a perishable item and subject to spoilage. (please print)

PART B

Are you doing this fundraiser in support of or in conjunction with outside groups or organizations? (check one)

YES NO

If you checked yes, please answer the questions below:

What group(s) or organization(s) will this fundraiser benefit? (please print)

How will this fundraiser benefit the group(s) or organization(s)? (please print)

Please describe the needs of the group(s) or organization(s) and how they were determined. (please print)

What are you planning to do with the items or money collected in support of this group(s) or organization(s)? (please print)

By signing below, you confirm the accuracy of the information provided above.

Club President (print name)

Signature

Date

4-H Adult Volunteer (print name)

Signature

Date



Approved By:

4-H Faculty/Designated Staff

Signature

Date

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