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TO: 4-H Youth Advisor/Key Leader

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RE: State 4-H Fashion Revue

At the January meeting of the state 4-H Clothing Literature Review Committee, we developed the following standards for participation in the state 4-H Fashion Revue. We hope these guidelines will help resolve some unanswered questions concerning participation in the various categories.

There are three categories to enter: Traditional, Re-cycled, and Purchased. Each county can then have three county winners, one per category, to send to the State Fashion Revue. (And of course more participants if the enrollment number surpasses the 200 necessary for one participant in each category.)

Participants must be 14 years old and be currently enrolled in the 4-H Clothing Project. A member can participate in one or enter records in only one Regional Awards Contest. (Refer to Incentives and Award Handbook #4-H1001). Only the Re-Cycled and Traditional entrees can be considered for awards. There is no competition in the Purchased category. Fashion Revue continues to be sponsored by Simplicity and White-Flash Elna Sewing Machine Company. Clairol sometimes sponsors workshops at the National 4-H Fashion Revue. It would be unfair to expect their continued support if we award winners in the Purchased category.

The number of participants receiving Blue Awards will be exactly 10% of the total number of participants. Again, these winners will come only from the Re-cycled or Traditional categories.

In the Re-Cycled category, the participant must send a "before" and "after" photo with the entry forms. In this category, 75% major re-construction must be done! This means that the new garment must have major changes. Simply raising a hem, or shortening sleeves, would not be enough. A specific example of such a re-cycled garment might be re-constructing a short jacket from a Navy Pea Coat—the only remaining unchanged portion could be the button holes, collar, and lapels.
In the Traditional category, all garments entered for judging at State Fashion Revue must be fully constructed by the participant. Other garments necessary to complete the ensemble can be purchased but this must be stated plainly on the Entry Form. (For example, a blouse, shirt, or sweater worn with a suit.)

During their lifetime, the greatest percentage of our 4-Hers clothing will be purchased. We felt the principles of Buymanship make the Purchased category very relevant for inclusion at State Fashion Revue. Participants must be enrolled in the Clothing Project to enter. The new limit for expenditures is now $150. (See the enclosed evaluation sheets for specific details.)

4-H checksheets are being recommended to the state 4-H curriculum specialist for publication. In the interest of time you may wish to copy the enclosed samples for immediate use in your county.

State 4-H Clothing Literature Revue Committee

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