

County Council Fundraising/King & Queen Selection Policy

The following policy was voted on and approved by the St. Charles County 4-H Council at the August 29, 2001 4-H council meeting. Revisions were made and approved at the August 28, 2002, and January 29, 2003 4-H Council meeting. REVISED BY COMMITTEE: 5/14/03, 4/27/04, 5/25/05. 4-H Council revision approved 5/28/2008.

King & Queen Selection

The St. Charles County 4-H King & Queen will no longer be selected based on the amount of money they raise. The selection will be based on a point system. The point system and requirements are as follows:

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| ◆ Candidates submit a County Report Form by Nov. 1 | 20 points maximum |
| ◆ Candidates submit a written essay (topic to be determined) by Feb. 1 | 35 points maximum |
| ◆ Candidates give a 4-H demonstration (date to be determined) (No team demonstrations) | 35 points maximum |
| (the report form, essay, and demonstration will be judged and candidates can receive up to the maximum points listed above) | |
| ◆ If candidates' 4-H club meets their financial obligation | 10 points |
| TOTAL | 100 points |

Bonus points

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| ◆ If candidates do a 4-H display at a local public use area (business, school, library, etc.) during October, candidates must submit a photo of the display with themselves in the photo By Nov.1 | 5 points |
| ◆ If candidates participate in a community service project | 15 points |
| TOTAL BONUS POINTS POSSIBLE | 20 points |

If there is a tie for King and/or Queen, the essay will break the tie. Another judge will reevaluate essays of those tied and a winner will be chosen as a result.

County Council Fundraising

The following policy will replace the King & Queen money that is currently raised for the Council budget:

All clubs and any youth enrolling as an individual member will raise an amount of money equal to \$25.00 per member. This money can be raised in any manner the club chooses. They can charge the members dues or have the club do a fundraiser. This money is to be submitted by date set by the Fun Festival Committee and as announced in the *Youth News*. (If the club chooses to charge dues, care will need to be taken to assure that no youth are excluded from joining 4-H for financial hardship.) The number of members in the club will be determined as of March 1 and a statement will be sent to all clubs indicating the amount of money they are required to turn in.

The money that clubs raise and submit to the 4-H Council will be used for the various items that the 4-H Council budgets for each year. This includes scholarships for 4-H members for various trips and educational events; training for leaders at local, state and national leader training workshops; awards that are presented to the 4-H members for their project work; to help 4-H members attend state and national contests; to pay for camp counselor training fees; and many more events and programs that the 4-H Council plans. A line item will be added to the budget in the amount of \$5000 for the County Junior Leader Club. This replaces the share of the King & Queen money and Fun Festival booth money that they currently receive under the old system. The County Junior Leader Club uses their money to sponsor the 4-H Leader's Banquet, to sponsor scholarships for current or former members, and for their annual exchange trip.

The Fun Festival will be continued with game booths, food stand, etc. as it now is and continue to be held at the Extension Center.