

# 2026 State Fair Food and Nutrition Portfolio Guidelines



- The Portfolio is project specific and is used to enhance a conversation between the member and a judge about activities the member completed within the project. The participant will be responsible for bringing a 3-pronged folder or binder that includes 8 ½" x 11" pages, not a poster. Participants will create a maximum of one page (one-sided only) per “activity area” or “interest area” as designated in the front of their project books. Ideas for these pages include journaling, a timeline, and photos taken during their project, or any other format that would illustrate the work and knowledge of the participant. Each page could be different or can be a combination of styles allowing the 4-H'er to reflect on their learning experience. There will be no points for scrapbooking style. The portfolio is to be completed prior to arriving at the state fair. (See the document titled “Portfolio Interest Areas.”)
- Portfolios are judged based on the verbal presentation, organization of the material in the portfolio, inclusion of their efforts in required “Activity or Interest” area pages, and communication with the judge describing their portfolio.
- The member will present the portfolio to the judge and have the opportunity to explain their active involvement in their project.

