

# 2026 Money Management

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## PROJECT NUMBERS

- ✦ 445 – Exploring Personal Finance
  - ✦ 448 – Empowering Personal Finance
- REVISED 2026**

## EVALUATION TIME & PLACE

Projects will be judged Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> after 5pm at the Erie Co. Fairgrounds. **Specific** judging times for each project will be posted on our website in July. [go.osu.edu/eriejudging](http://go.osu.edu/eriejudging)

Results will be posted and e-mailed the next day.

## OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries via FairEntry Online System due by July 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m.

PROJECT CHECK-IN: Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm

PROJECT CHECK-OUT: Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-NOON

Please plan to help tear down project building at noon

Projects will be at the Extension Office Monday, August 17 until September 15, 2026.

**KEY LEADER** – Dawn Thayer 419-357-9799

**Extension Educator Responsible** – Angie Holmes

## PROJECT RULES & REQUIREMENTS

1. 4-H members **should bring to judging a completed project book with their fair exhibit.** Completed project books and Member Project Guides are required at all judgings. If book and/or guidelines are not complete or not present, the letter grade will be lowered, and the member is not eligible to place.
2. Appropriate attire for judging is required. Appearance should be neat, clean, and respectful. No shorts, tank tops, tube tops, halter tops, midriff tops, or low-rise jeans should be worn for judging.
3. All projects displayed at the fair must be identified with name, age, and project. Display must be for the current year's project. Do not bring project books for fair display! We only have room to display the projects.

✦ Designates projects that are eligible for the state fair, if the member is selected.



✎ **445 Exploring Personal Finance** - Follow the “Project Guide” on page 3 for completing the book. Be sure to record your progress on pages 3-6 as well as completing the exercises throughout the book. Bring completed project book to judging along with a display representing what you learned in the project. A photo album or portfolio along with your display can enhance the project and is required for state fair. (see note below) Your Display should not exceed 36” tall x 36” wide x 24” deep.

✎ **448 Empowering Personal Finance -REVISED 2026** This project is designed for intermediate level youth with some experience in handling their personal finances period completing 445 exploring personal finance first is recommended but not required. Follow the “Project Guide” on page 3 for completing the book. Be sure to record your progress on pages 3-6 as well as completing the exercises throughout the book. Bring completed project book to judging along with a display representing what you learned in the project. A photo album or portfolio along with your display can enhance the project and is required for state fair. (see note below) Your Display should not exceed 36” tall x 36” wide x 24” deep.

\*Junior Fair projects may not be sold on the fairgrounds except through the fair project auctions. For sale signs may not be posted on projects.

***Additional State Fair Information:*** *If you are selected to go to state fair and you participate you are asked to bring a photo album or portfolio/box in addition to your project book and display. Your goal is to let the judges know what you learned from your project.*