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Dear 4-H community:

We are pleased to announce that registration for the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase is now open! This newly launched initiative of the [Michigan State Fair](https://www.michiganstatefairllc.com/) and [Michigan State University Extension](https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach) provides a virtual platform for any Michigan youth to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for a total of $50,000 in scholarships.

Registration will be open through August 23. To participate, youth will enter photos and videos of their individual projects through the online [FairEntry platform](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cjmwilson%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5CSAUL3E7V%5CMichiganStateFairYouthShowcase.fairentry.com). Any Michigan youth, aged 5-19, is encouraged to participate in this free event; prior participation in 4-H is not required.

There are a wide variety of participation options, and youth may enter as many classes as they wish. Project areas range from traditional classes like showmanship, breeding and market classes for livestock and companion animals, to still exhibits such as crafts, creative writing and baking. Youth may also enter projects that are not normally showcased in a typical fair by submitting educational projects, demonstrations and more in areas such as shooting sports, urban agriculture and leadership, among others.

Youth may have already participated in their own local 4-H virtual showcase opportunities this summer and the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase follows a similar format, however, attendees have the added advantage of being eligible to apply for up to $50,000 in scholarships. Exhibits entered into local virtual showcases experiences may also be entered into the statewide showcase, however, prior exhibition in a virtual showcase is not required – anyone can participate!

To learn more about the event and view individual class opportunities, visit [extension.msu.edu/MSF4HShowcase](https://www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/). To register for the showcase, visit [MichiganStateFairYouthShowcase.fairentry.com.](http://MichiganStateFairYouthShowcase.fairentry.com)

Evaluation of Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase projects will begin on August 24, with winners announced during the Michigan State Fair, September 3-7.

We hope you will take part in this exciting new event!

For questions please contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674 or Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator at grandtke@msu.edu.