

## Horse Validation Instructions for County Extension Offices

- Submission of validation is final, no refunds will be given.
- Verify ownership is correct
  - Owners **MUST** be the youth, parent (biological or stepparent), brother, sister, grandparent, or legal guardian.
  - Horse owned in partnership or jointly with any other person not listed above do **NOT** meet ownership requirements.
  - If registration papers are in the process of being transferred, the transfer process **MUST** be completed and submitted to the District and State Offices **BEFORE** May 1st, or the horse will be ineligible to compete at the District and State 4-H Horse Shows.
- Verify photos and registration papers (if applicable) are uploaded. Please confirm that photos are clear and show all parts of the horse (nose to tail and ears to hooves) before approving.
- Verify that any horse listed as a futurity project is owned by a youth 12 years old or older and in at least the 6th grade, as of September 1 of the current 4-H year.
- There is no limit to the number of horses that can be validated. Exhibitors are encouraged to validate all horses that may possibly be shown at district and/or state shows. Only state validated horses can be substituted in the event that a validated horse becomes unusable due to lameness, sickness, etc.

## PAYMENT AND STATUS

### ANIMAL VALIDATION CAN ONLY BE PAID FOR WITH A CREDIT CARD.

- The family can submit payment of \$10.00 per horse (\$20.00 after April 15th, or \$250 after May 1st), in the form of a **credit card ONLY**.
  - From March 1 – April 15, the validation cost for each horse is \$10.00. **The \$10.00 cost is only guaranteed if the animal validation is approved by the county office by the April 15th deadline and the payment is processed.**
  - From April 16 – May 1, the validation cost for each horse is \$20.00. **The \$20.00 cost is only guaranteed if the animal validation is approved by the county office by the May 1st deadline and the payment is processed.**
- Any validation that has a status of incomplete, resubmit, pending or payment due is not guaranteed the amount charged when it was created and is not yet considered validated.
- After the validation is approved at the county level, the submission will then be reviewed at the state level. You will be notified by June 1<sup>st</sup> if there are any issues with the validation submission at the state level.

If you have questions about Texas 4-H Horse Validation, please contact Kelley Ranly at [Kelley.Ranly@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Kelley.Ranly@ag.tamu.edu).

**COUNTY OFFICES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE PAYMENT ON THE LAST SCREEN.  
THE CREDIT CARD AREA WILL ONLY SHOW UP IF LOGGED IN USING A FAMILY EMAIL AND FAMILY  
PASSWORD**

For helpful one-pagers and resources, please visit: <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/>  
Validation walk-through video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8drSWuiZ\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8drSWuiZ_o)