

Congratulations on receiving the Big E Award at one of the 4-H County Visual Presentation Days!

The information on this sheet is a general explanation of what this award means to you and next steps.

What does this award mean?

It means that you are now eligible to represent MA 4-H and present on the New England Center stage or in the action exhibit area at the Big E on September 18 or 19, 2020. You are not registered to be part of the NE Center delegation until you have submitted all the required paperwork by the July 15th deadline. You will need to attend the required orientation session in June to find out more.

Attendance at the orientation session is required for first time attendees and /or a parent; no exceptions will be made to this policy.

Orientation sessions will be scheduled in three locations around the state and you will be able to select the date/location that works best for your family. Specific information about the orientation sessions and how to register will be sent to all Big E Quality Winners in May.

You will receive registration forms at the orientation session that will be due July 15th. Final selections will be made by August 1st. Please be aware that we sometimes do not have enough slots on the stage to place all member who are selected. Every effort will be made to place members that wish to participate and register by the deadline.

Do I need to change my presentation?

You do not have to make any changes but there are several ways that a member may change their Visual Presentation for the NE Center. We will talk more about these options at the orientation.

- A performing arts topic (singing, dance, musical instrument) may be changed into a performance
- A topic that lends itself to hands-on activity (crafts, gardening, science, cooking) may be turned into an action exhibit and you may invite other 4-H members to help
- Turn your presentation into a group presentation where other 4-H members participate

What is the time frame at the Big E?

Each day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. followed by marching in the Big E parade at 5:00 p.m. Participating members must be there for the entire day so plan for a long, full day! There is a dormitory available for 4-H'ers on the grounds and you can choose to stay there free of charge the night prior to your participation. We will go over all the details at the orientation.

If you have additional questions or do not receive a letter in May about the June orientation sessions contact Linda Horn at lrhorn@umext.umass.edu.



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