

# 2025 Tennessee State 4-H Horse Championships

## Show Information and Entry Packet

TO: All Extension 4-H and ANR Agents

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DATE: March 13, 2025

RE: 2025 Tennessee State 4-H Horse Championships  
June 24-28, 2025  
National Walking Horse Celebration Grounds, Shelbyville, TN

**Please provide this information to each 4-H member participating in the 2025 Tennessee State 4-H Horse Championships.**

Counties **MUST** have entries submitted through the online registration system by **May 15, 2025**. *Late entries will be assessed a \$50 per horse late fee.*

All entry forms can be found at the County Extension Office or on the UT Animal Science 4-H Horse website at: <https://uthorse.tennessee.edu/youth-shows/>

Exhibitors will submit State entry forms and fees to their County Extension Office. Counties will then submit State entries via the online entry system and mail hard copy forms to:

Aaron Fisher  
UT Animal Science Department  
2506 River Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37996

Counties **MUST** submit all exhibitor entry fees to Aaron Fisher at the address above by **May 25, 2025**. *There will be NO REFUNDS for State entry fees, and late entries will be assessed a \$50 per horse late fee.*

Exhibitors are **REQUIRED** to proof State Entries at the Regional Show. No classes will be added at the Regional Show. *Absolutely NO changes will be made to entries upon check-in at the State Show.*

**Thank you in advance for keeping the entry process as smooth and error free as possible!**

## REMINDERS AND CHANGES FOR 2025

All riders (including adults) at 4-H events and activities will be required to wear properly fitted ASTM/SEI-certified helmets with chin straps properly fastened while mounted or while in a vehicle being pulled by equine. This includes ALL divisions, ALL warm-up arenas, and ALL areas of the showgrounds. For riders over 18 years of age, a helmet waiver may be signed at the show office.

The 2025 Tennessee 4-H Horse Championships will follow rules and guidelines outlined in PB 1760, The Tennessee 4-H Horse Championships Handbook. The handbook can be accessed at:  
<https://utia.tennessee.edu/publications/wp-content/uploads/sites/269/2023/10/PB1760.pdf>

### *Important Reminder from Section 5.7 of Horse Handbook (page 6)*

A 4-H member may be excused from his/her regional show and still participate in the Tennessee State 4-H Horse Championships if:

- A. A letter, signed by both the 4-H member and his/her respective Extension agent, is written stating the reason for the 4-H member's desire to be absent from the regional show.
- B. This letter is submitted to and approved by the 4-H Animal Science OR Equine Specialist in Knoxville.
- C. The 4-H member, family, leader or Extension agent completes a state entry form along with an entry fee.

The following section summarizes changes and additions for the 2025 show.

### Companion Horse Entry Form

- It is becoming more common for families to want to bring a horse that is not entered into the show as a companion animal or a young animal that has never left the barn and they are intending to start to acclimate it to travel. We have found that these horses are not always getting entered, so we don't have a record of them and have missed getting stalls for them. There is a new Companion Horse Entry Form with the typical entry form to ensure that we have a record of them and are able to get stalls assigned appropriately. Please note that these horses must also have a current negative Coggins and are subject to facility and stall fees.
- **Note to County Extension Staff:** Companion horses should be entered into the online Showare system just like horses entered into the show, they just will not have classes assigned to them but will allow you to enter the stall days needed.

### Roping Division

- Added Ground/Dummy Roping classes for each age division:
  - 304: Junior Members
  - 305: Junior High Members
  - 306: Senior Members

### Roger Elder Ranch Division

- Showmanship and Horsemanship will follow AQHA rules.

### Walking/Racking/SSH Divisions

- Change HIO from SHOW to NWAHA. The biggest difference with this change will be a few updates to shoeing requirements, class names and elimination of the padded class. Please see the updated handbook for details. This will also provide a larger, more diverse pool of judges.
- Additionally, we updated Rule 6.10. with regards to youth only entering each class once as it related to Gaited Trail.

- 6.10.A. There is an exception in Gaited Trail where a member is exhibiting a different horse in more than one of the divisions (Walking, Racking and SSH). These youth may exhibit each horse in their respective Gaited Trail class since it will be different horse/rider combinations.

### Dressage

- Dressage classes will follow USEF, WDA and National Walking Horse Association rules. If a situation arises where this rulebook is stricter than USEF, WDA or National Walking Horse Association rules, this rulebook will take precedence.

### Open Judging Contest

- Added reasons and/or questions to the Open Horse Judging Contest.
  - Junior: 2 sets of questions
  - Junior High: 2 sets of questions and 1 set of reasons
  - Senior: 2 sets of questions and 2 sets of reasons

### Career Development Contest

- This contest is designed to provide workforce development experience for youth through creating a resume, targeting a cover letter to a specific job and participating in a mock interview. This contest is open to Senior Level 1 (grades 9-10) and Senior Level 2 (grades 11-12) youth. Winners will receive cash prizes from the Developing Champion Youth Endowment. Interviews will be a maximum of 15 minutes and will take place during the week of the state 4-H horse show in Shelbyville (June 24-28). Interview times will be available on multiple days. Youth who enter this contest will be contacted to schedule a time for their interview. More information is available at: <https://uthorse.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/105/2025/03/Horse-25-Career-Development-Packet.pdf>

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAM AND SHOW DETAILS

### 1. Divisions

The grades for 4-H member age divisions as of January 1, 2025, are as follows:

Junior: 4-5

Junior High: 6-8

Senior: 9-12

*NOTE:* If a Junior High class does not exist, Junior classes will be for 4-8 grades.

### 2. Pony Heights

All ponies will be measured each year EXCEPT those that were previously measured and were six (6) years of age or older AND have a pony measurement card on file with the State 4-H Horse Show Office. *Exhibitors need to indicate if their pony has been measured on their entry form.*

### 3. Graduating Seniors

Graduating seniors will be recognized at the banquet held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025. Indicate Graduating Senior on the exhibitor's entry form or contact [fisher@utk.edu](mailto:fisher@utk.edu) if the graduating senior is not showing but would like to attend the banquet for recognition. Graduating senior forms are available from the County Extension Office or on the UT Animal Science 4-H Horse Program website: <https://uthorse.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/105/2024/03/Graduating-Senior-Form.pdf>

### 4. Tennessee 4-H Horse Scholarship

The purpose of the Tennessee 4-H Horse Scholarship is to award a deserving 4-H Horse participant with a post-secondary education scholarship. The winner will be selected based

upon their participation within the Tennessee 4-H Horse Program, scholastic achievement, and submitted application materials. Current year graduating seniors are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Applications must be submitted to Aaron Fisher ([fisher@utk.edu](mailto:fisher@utk.edu)) by May 15, 2025. Application materials can be found at: <https://uthorse.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/105/2025/03/TN-4-H-Horse-Program-Scholarship-Application-2025.pdf>

#### 5. Awards Banquet on Tuesday, June 24, 2025

All youth, parents, volunteers and agents are welcome to attend the awards banquet.

*Registration and payment for the banquet must be completed through the below online payment link.*

[https://secure.touchnet.com/C21610\\_ustores/web/product\\_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=3315&SIN\\_GLESTORE=true](https://secure.touchnet.com/C21610_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=3315&SIN_GLESTORE=true)

#### 6. Printed and bound horse show line-up programs can be pre-ordered at the below link. They are \$5 and will be available at Barn 10 at the state 4-H horse show.

[https://secure.touchnet.com/C21610\\_ustores/web/product\\_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=3316&SIN\\_GLESTORE=true](https://secure.touchnet.com/C21610_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=3316&SIN_GLESTORE=true)

## FACILITY AND SHOW GROUND INFORMATION

1. **ALL HORSES MUST ENTER THROUGH GATE A FOR HEALTH INSPECTION.** Gate A is located on the upper end of Calsonic Arena off of Celebration Drive. Do not bring horses through any other gate. Be sure that original Coggins test results accompany the horse(s) to the show; no copies will be accepted. Horses must have a negative test for EIA within 12 months of the opening date of the show (June 17). These papers will be checked upon arrival at the Show grounds! Please have Coggins Tests for all horses contained in the trailer in the VEHICLE PULLING HORSE TRAILER.

2. Please check-in upon arrival at the Horse Show Office, located in Barn 10 adjacent to the practice arena. Stable assignments, exhibitor numbers and other information can be collected at this time. Do not unload and/or stable horses until checked-in at the show office has been completed. Stable assignments will also be available online a week before the show.

3. Grounds will be open Tuesday, June 24 at 7:00am. **NO HORSES ALLOWED ON GROUNDS BEFORE THIS TIME.**

4. Exhibitors are responsible for paying for their stalls. Stalls (horse and tack) are \$14 a day. **In 2025, stall fees will be \$8 per stall per day due to sponsorship from the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration.** Stall fees must be paid with entry fees. Horses will be permitted to trailer in and be tied out, these horses may NOT be tied out overnight. Tie-out trailers may only park in the lot next to gate A. NO overnight trailers may be parked in this lot! (see map below)

5. All horse trailers staying overnight must be parked in the lot off Whitthorne Street (see map below). Trailers cannot be parked in stable areas or along the drives. *ANY TRAILERS NOT PARKED IN DESIGNED AREAS ARE SUBJECTED TO BEING TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE.* Cooperation in this matter is appreciated.



7. The cost for travel trailer parking is **\$60.00 per night**. Water, sewer and electrical hookups are available. Hook-ups are located in the Pavilion Area parking lot. **Payment for camping spots MUST BE MADE AT THE SHOW OFFICE (Barn 10) PRIOR TO THE FIRST NIGHT'S STAY.**

8. **Camping in tents is not permitted.**

9. Bring all the equipment, feed, and hay that will be needed. Please emphasize this to 4-H members, parents, and leaders.

10. **STALLS MAY NEED TO BE CLEANED UPON ARRIVAL.** If shavings are desired, you may bring them with you or purchase them on the grounds at the show office in Barn 10.

11. It is the responsibility of each group to keep the stables and the area around the stable clean.

12. Bring a manure fork, rakes, wheelbarrow and other equipment needed to clean the stalls and area. Wheelbarrows will be needed to transport manure, trash and other waste to the manure pits.

13. Stall(s) must be cleaned daily. Pile manure in pits. Daily cleaning of stalls will help to keep the fly population reduced and maintain a more desirable environment.

14. You must completely clean the stalls and area you were assigned before leaving the grounds.

15. Cooking is prohibited in the stables.

16. Sleeping in stalls is prohibited.

17. Bring a hammer, nails and tools that might be needed for stall repair.

18. You will need to bring light bulbs for stalls. Bulbs are not provided.

19. Fans may be used. However, care should be taken to prevent horses from either reaching or becoming entangled in cords.



## **Thursday, June 26**

### **Cooper Steel:**

8:00 AM: Roger Elder Ranch Division – Showmanship and Conformation

30 minutes after Roger Elder Ranch Division concludes: Western Division – In-Hand and Performance Classes  
*Brief break for tacking and warm-up before performance*

### **Champions:**

12:00 PM – 2:30 PM: Hunter Hack Schooling

3:00 PM: Hunter Flat

### **Outdoor Pen Behind Barn 10 (weather permitting):**

9:00 AM: Hunter and Western Trail (ride times assigned in one-hour blocks based on entries)

### **Field in Back:**

9:00 AM: Hunter and Western Dressage (ride times assigned based on entries)

## **Friday, June 27**

### **Champions:**

9:00 AM: Hunter In-Hand

2:00 PM or 30 minutes after Hunter In-Hand classes: Miniature Division

### **Cooper Steel:**

6:00am Hunter Over Fences Schooling

30 minutes after Hunter In-Hand classes: Hunter over Fences

### **Field in Back:**

1:00 PM: Gaited Dressage (ride times assigned based on entries)

### **Outdoor Pen Behind Barn 10 (weather permitting):**

3:00 PM: Gaited Trail (ride times assigned in one-hour blocks based on entries)

## **Saturday, June 28**

### **Cooper Steel:**

9:00 AM: DQP

10:00 AM: Gaited Division

High Point Awards for the following divisions will be presented approximately one hour following the conclusion of each division.

Western Division

Roger Elder Ranch Division

Speed Division

Hunter Division

Spotted Saddle Horse Division

Walking Horse Division

Racking Horse Division

Miniature Division

## ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TENNESSEE 4-H HORSE SHOW

Following is a list of possible motels in Shelbyville and Murfreesboro provided by the Shelbyville – Bedford County Chamber of Commerce. This list does not contain all available motels nor is it an endorsement. It is for your assistance.

### **Americas Best Value Inn**

317 North Cannon Blvd.  
Shelbyville, TN 37160  
Phone: (931) 684-6050

### **Bedford Inn**

727 Madison St.  
Shelbyville, TN 37160  
Phone: (931) 684-7858  
Fax: (931) 684-1904

### **Best Western Celebration Inn & Suites**

724 Madison St.  
Shelbyville, TN 37160  
Phone: (931) 684-2378

### **Blue Ribbon Inn**

North Main Street  
Shelbyville, TN 37160  
Phone: (931)-684-3101  
Fax: (931)-685-9251

### **Country Hearth Inn**

1607 North Main Street  
Shelbyville, TN 37160  
Phone: (931) 680-1030 and (800) 848-5767 and  
(888) 4-HEARTH

### **Crestwood Suites Hotel**

1345 Old Fort Parkway  
Murfreesboro, TN 37129  
Phone: (615) 907-1500  
Fax: (615) 907-1576

### **Bottle Hollow Lodge**

111 Gobbler Ridge Road  
Phone: (931) 695-5253

### **Cinnamon Ridge**

799 Whitthorne Street St.  
Phone: (931) 685-9200

### **Clearview Farm LLC**

2291 Hwy 231 S.  
Phone: (931)-684-8822

### **Microtel**

1207 North Main St.  
Shelbyville, TN 37160  
(931) 684-8343

### **Monteagle Inn - B & B / Retreat Center**

204 West Main St  
Monteagle, TN 37356  
Phone: (931)-924-3869

### **Tennessee Horse Country**

311 Robinson Rd  
Phone: 931-684-4456 and (866) 322 8916  
Fax: 931-684-4456

### **Celebration Campground**

Celebration Showgrounds  
Shelbyville, TN 37160  
Phone: (931) 684-5915

### **Lynchburg Wilderness R.V. Park**

975 Main St., Lynchburg, TN 37352  
Phone: (931) 580-2680



## DIRECTIONS TO THE CELEBRATION® GROUNDS AND CALSONIC ARENA

### Coming to The Celebration® from Nashville, TN

Take I-24 to Murfreesboro, then take exit 81 A to Shelbyville.

From Murfreesboro to Shelbyville is about 25 minutes.

Once in Shelbyville, turn left on Highway 41 A South (Madison Street) and look for the Celebration® on the left.

### Coming to The Celebration® from Chattanooga, TN

Take I-24 toward Murfreesboro and exit on Exit 97 to Wartrace/Shelbyville. Following Highway 64 through Wartrace until it intersects with Highway 41 A. Turn right onto Highway 41A (Madison Street) and look for the Celebration® on the right.

### Coming to The Celebration® from Knoxville, TN

Take I-40 E toward Nashville, then take exit 235 onto TN-840 W toward Murfreesboro. Exit onto I-24 E toward Chattanooga. Exit I-24 on exit 81 A to Shelbyville. Once in Shelbyville, turn left on Highway 41A South (Madison Street) and look for the Celebration® on the left.

### Coming to The Celebration® from Memphis, TN

Take I-40 toward Nashville, then exit onto I-440 at exit 206; at Exit I-24 go toward Murfreesboro; exit I-24 at Exit 81 A onto US-231. From Murfreesboro to Shelbyville is about 25 minutes. Once in Shelbyville, turn left on Highway 41A South (Madison Street) and look for the Celebration® on the left.

### Coming to The Celebration® from Fayetteville, TN

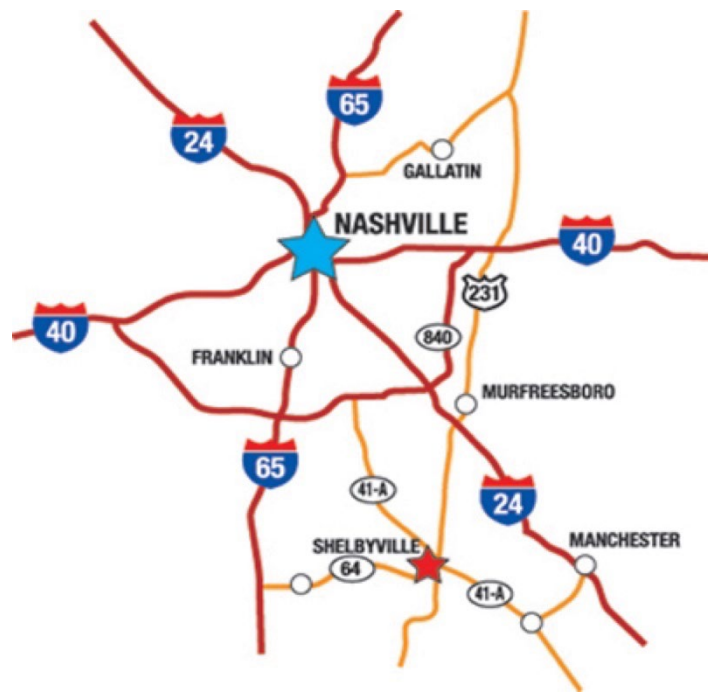
Follow Highway 231 North until it crosses Highway 41 A. Turn right on to 41 A South and look for the Celebration® on the left.

### Coming to The Celebration® from Lewisburg, TN

Follow Highway 64 East until it crosses Highway 41 A. Turn left on to 41 A North and look for the Celebration® on the right.

### Coming to The Celebration® from Tullahoma, TN

Follow Highway 41A North all the way into Shelbyville and look for the Celebration® sign on the right.





# 2025 Tennessee 4-H Horse Championship Companion Horse Entry Form

This entry form is for horses brought to the state 4-H horse show who are not entered into any classes (ie. companion horse for another horse entered in classes). This horse must also have a current negative Coggins and is subject to facility and stall fees. Use a separate form for each horse.

**Exhibitor's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **County** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Horse's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Horse's Breed/Type** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sex: Mare** \_\_\_\_ **Gelding** \_\_\_\_

### Entry Fees

**Facility Fee: \$20 per horse** ..... **\$20**

**Stall Fee - \$8 per stall \*\*\*** ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Total**..... **\$** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Please complete the Stall Request Form

**Note to County Extension Staff:** *This companion horse should be entered into the online Showare system just like horse entered into the show. This will ensure that this horse is allotted a stall appropriately.*

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**Release and Assumption of Risk** I recognize the event does not provide sickness or accident insurance coverage for participants; and, I accept responsibility for payments of medical costs incurred for injuries or illnesses.

**HELMET POLICY:** ALL riders at 4-H events and activities are required to wear properly fitted ASTM/SEI certified helmets with chin straps properly fastened while mounted or while in a vehicle being pulled by equine. This is a requirement for ALL disciplines and ALL 4-H Horse activities. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the 4-H participant, to make sure that the helmet worn complies with appropriate safety standards for helmets intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition.

**Publicity Release:** Our signatures also authorize the University of Tennessee to photograph, film, audio/video tape, record and/or televise the 4-H member's image, voice and biographical material, in whole or in part in any medium now known or developed in the future without any restrictions.

We certify that the above member and horse information is correct and meets all requirements of the Tennessee 4-H Horse Championships Handbook PB 1760 which has been read and is understood; we agree to abide by the rules therein.  
Exhibitors are completely responsible for the care and custody of their animals at the State 4-H Horse Show.

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4-H Member

Date

Parent or Guardian

Date

Extension Agent

Date

Please retain a copy for the exhibitor and make appropriate copies to forward to regional and state offices.

## Tennessee 4-H Horse Championships Stall Request Form

Exhibitor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Forms and fees are due with State 4-H Horse Championships Entry Form

In 2025, stall fees will be \$8 per stall per day. This is a result of sponsorship from the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration.

Horse's Name	Horse Stalls Needed						Horse Stall Fees \$8/day
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total Per Horse	
							\$
							\$
							\$
							\$
<b>Tack Stalls Needed</b>							
Tack Stalls may be shared, but only ONE exhibitor can pay for the tack stall							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		Total Tack Stall Fees \$8/day
<b>List Quantity of Tack Stalls Needed Per Day</b>							\$
<b>TOTAL HORSE STALL AND TACK FEES</b>							<b>\$</b>

Please indicate your tack stall sharing plans (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any stalling requests (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibitors are completely responsible for the care and custody of their animals at the State 4-H Horse Show.**

## **Tennessee 4-H Horse Championships Banquet Registration and Payment**

The 4-H Horse Program Awards Banquet is Tuesday, June 24 at 6:00 PM in the Blue Ribbon Room at the 2025 Tennessee State 4-H Horse Championships.

All youth, parents, volunteers and Agents are invited to attend the awards banquet. Active 4-H members are \$15 per person and all other attendees are \$20 per person.

**Registration and payment for the banquet must be completed through the below online payment QR code or link.**

[https://secure.touchnet.com/C21610\\_ustores/web/product\\_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=3315&SINGLESTORE=true](https://secure.touchnet.com/C21610_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=3315&SINGLESTORE=true)



## 2025 Tennessee State 4-H Horse Show T-Shirts

A show shirt for 2025 will be available for pre-order until May 27, 2025. A limited number of shirts will be available at the show, but pre-ordering is the best way to guarantee getting a shirt.

Pre-order and payment can be completed at:



[https://secure.touchnet.com/C21610\\_ustores/web/product\\_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=3438&SINGLESTORE=true](https://secure.touchnet.com/C21610_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=3438&SINGLESTORE=true)

**Tennessee State 4-H Horse Championships  
Graduating Senior Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be attending the banquet? \_\_\_\_\_

The Horse Show Division you want to be recognized during: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in 4-H horse program: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years participated at the State 4-H Horse Show: \_\_\_\_\_

List Major 4-H Horse Activities and Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

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List Major School Activities and Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Plans after graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

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