



Dallas County 4-H Youth Development Program

**Consumer Decision Making Contest Memo**

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026

Location: North Dallas Government Building  
6820 LBJ Fwy  
Dallas, TX 75240

Schedule: Tentative schedule below. Times are subject to change.

Contest Check-in: 8:00 a.m.

Orientation: 8:30 a.m.

Awards: Awards will be announced after the event due to the time requirements for scoring.

**Registration.** Each participating member is required to [register here](#). No registration fee is required. Registration will begin on January 5, 2026 and closes at midnight on February 16, 2026. **No late entries will be accepted.**

**Participation.** Participation is open to Dallas County youth and current 4-H members.. Contestants must also be academically eligible (according to [UIL rules](#)) to compete on February 28<sup>th</sup>, the day of the contest. A contestant may compete as an individual or as a member of a team. **This contest is not a qualifier for District or State contest, although, it is encouraged for all Dallas 4-H members for participation and practice.** [District IV Competition](#) is on Friday, April 10, 2026. **Participant must be a 4-H member to compete in District.**

**Age.** Age divisions are determined by a participant’s grade as of September 1, 2025. Age divisions for this contest are:

Junior	Ages 8-10 (Grades 3, 4, 5)
Intermediate	Ages 11-13 (Grades 6, 7, 8)
Senior	Ages 14-18 (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

**Entries Per Member.** Each member may enter an unlimited number of teams/individuals per age division listed above.

**Members Per Team.** Teams consist of 3 or 4 participants. Junior members will be allowed to move up to the intermediate age division in order to complete a team. Juniors and intermediates

are not allowed to move up to the senior age division. **Senior teams MUST BE in grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. No mixed age division for senior teams.**

Suggested materials to bring for contest: Clipboard, blank paper, and pencils. No calculators allowed. **CDM Work Sheet will be available for all participants.**

**Awards: Quality Awards:** Blue, Red, and White Participation quality awards will be given based on the total score value. **Best of Division:** A Best of Division Rossett will be awarded to the high point team in each age division. Score ranges for each award are outlined on the attached score sheet.

County Roundup is not a prequalifier for District IV Competition. Participants can view District IV Consumer Decision Making rules [here](#). It is the member's responsibility to register for the contest on [4-H Online](#). **District competitors must be enrolled in 4-H.**

**Participants with Disabilities.** Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact Cara Kailukaitis [cara.kailukaitis@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cara.kailukaitis@ag.tamu.edu) or note when [registering here](#), at least 2 weeks before the competition to request such needs.

**Contest Rules.** Dallas 4-H follows the rules set forth in the Texas 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest Guide. Junior and Intermediate contestants will judge 3 classes from the current category study guide (linked below) and one mystery class. Senior level contestants will judge 5 classes from the current category study guide (linked below) and one mystery class.

**Reasons:** Juniors will not give any reasons. Intermediates will give one set of reasons. Seniors will give two sets of reasons.

#### **Classes.**

- Professional Dress
- Wireless Speakers
- Meat
- Laptop
- Outdoor Equipment

#### **Resources.**

- [Categories](#)
- [Project Page](#)

**Contest Superintendents.** Questions regarding the Dallas 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest can be directed to Trisha Trcka at [trishatrcka@yahoo.com](mailto:trishatrcka@yahoo.com), or Cara Kailukaitis at [cara.kailukaitis@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cara.kailukaitis@ag.tamu.edu).