

National 4-H Shooting Sports Steering Committee New Project Selection Criteria

New project proposals seeking national recognition must meet the following criteria as determined by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Steering Committee.

- ✓ Prioritizes the safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment by youth and adults.
- ✓ Incorporates current positive youth development theory (quality, dosage, fidelity, developmental relationships).
- ✓ Mandates, as appropriate, Level 3, Level 2, and Level 1 instructor training, assessment, and qualification.
- ✓ Facilitates educational, recreational, and competitive opportunities that lead to developmental outcomes.
- ✓ Promotes a positive image of the 4-H name and emblem.
- ✓ Integrates STEM, Healthy Living, and Civic Engagement mandates.
- ✓ Creates opportunities to build skills and knowledge (competencies) through experiential learning.
- ✓ Utilizes curriculum resulting from a rigorous process of peer review, pilot testing (three states), and publication standards.
- ✓ Follows best practices as determined by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Steering Committee.
- ✓ Must be uniquely different from current National 4-H Shooting Sports Projects.
- ✓ Contains both an adult training component and youth activity component.

Final approval is at the discretion of the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee.