



OSU EXTENSION
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Oklahoma 4-H Request for Eligibility Clarification for Student Over Age Limit

To: School Principal or Guidance Counselor

You are receiving this request for information from the family of an Oklahoma 4-H member to determine if they will be eligible for an exception to our maximum age rule of 19 on or before September 1st. I understand that occasionally circumstances outside of a child's control require them to repeat a grade. Below, you will find the criteria that Oklahoma 4-H uses in determining exceptions for over-aged members.

EXCEPTIONS FOR OVER-AGED Members

- A. Criteria that may be considered
The circumstances in which a member may be permitted to participate in Oklahoma 4-H beyond the age limitations established in the Oklahoma 4-H Rules and Guidelines are very limited. An exception to age limits is only granted upon proof that the youth was delayed from starting school or was held back from advancing from one grade level to the next, by circumstances beyond the control of the student and the student's parents (or custodial parent or legally appointed guardian).

- B. Factors That Will Not Permit Exceptions for Over-Age Participation
 - 1. The youth repeated a grade after beginning the ninth grade.
 - 2. The student is twenty years of age. The student may gain an exception to begin the 4-H program year but will lose eligibility at the age of twenty.

Thank you for taking the time to review these materials and assist in this matter.

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State 4-H Program Leader
Oklahoma State University



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**Oklahoma 4-H Request for Exception for Over-Aged Members
Must be completed by the principal**

Name of Student _____ School Attending _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Principal should initial the following questions prior to sending the request to the Oklahoma 4-H Office.

1. _____ I have determined that circumstances beyond the control of the student and the student's family prevented the student from making normal academic progress.
2. _____ The student has not repeated a grade after beginning the ninth grade.

Each of the undersigned acknowledges and agrees that identifying information about the above-mentioned student may be disclosed to Oklahoma 4-H in connection with any investigation or inquiry concerning the student's eligibility to participate. Oklahoma 4-H will undertake reasonable measures to maintain the confidentiality of such identifying information.

Student's signature _____ Date _____

Parent or legal guardian's signature _____ Date _____

Request submitted by _____ Date _____

(Principal - Please Print)

Principal's signature _____ Date _____

School Email _____ Phone _____

This form must be mailed by the school to the following address.

State 4-H Program Leader
505 AgHall
Stillwater, OK 74078