



## **Delaware 4-H Program Age Policy Requirements**

### **4-H Events/Competitions:**

For the Delaware 4-H program, January 1st will always be the basis that is used to determine age in the current 4-H year period.

For example, for the new 4-H year covering the period of September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019, Delaware 4-H will use January 1, 2019 to determine the age of a youth.

### **4-H Membership Requirements:**

At the beginning of a new 4-H year in September, age needs to be reviewed in order to determine membership eligibility for the upcoming new 4-H year.

For example, for the new 4-H year covering the period of September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019, Delaware 4-H will use January 1, 2019 to determine eligibility.

In order to join 4-H, a youth must be 5 years old on or by January 1, 2019 to enroll in Delaware 4-H. Additionally, as long as a youth does not turn 20 years old prior to January 1, 2019, they are eligible to enroll as a member during the new 4-H year.

One additional guideline in Delaware 4-H that our state program will follow relates to Cloverbud vs. Traditional membership involvement. Delaware 4-H allows youth who will be 8 years old as of January 1st in the new 4-H year to begin in September as a Traditional member.

For example, for Traditional membership, a youth who is age 7 as of September 1, 2018, but who will turn age 8 on or before January 1, 2019, is allowed to begin in September of 2018 as a Traditional member. For Cloverbud membership, a youth who is age 4 as of September 1, 2018, but will turn 5 on or before January 1, 2019, is allowed to begin in September of 2018 as a Cloverbud member.