

**Date**

**Member Name and Address**

Dear **Member**

The **Name of County** County 4-H Office has approved **Name of 4-H Member** as a Maine independent 4-H member to use the 4-H Name/Clover for the following purpose:  
- 4-H Project work during the **Year** 4-H year (October 1, **Year** to September 30, **Year**).

Conditions of this approval are based on agreements between this office, **Name of 4-H Member** regarding the use of the 4-H Name/Clover for the stated purposes. The Maine 4-H Program reserves the right to review, inspect or withdraw approval at any time for violations in the use of the 4-H Name/Clover.

1. The Maine 4-H Program recognizes 4-H independent members as a form of 4-H membership. **Name of 4-H Member** may use the 4-H Name/Clover in his/her independent study, by identifying themselves as a 4-H member from **Name of County** County 4-H Program.
2. The 4-H Name/Clover will be referenced in any show, event or recognition that may occur from the results of the individual's independent work (i.e. this animal entered by Joey Smith, in association with the ABC County 4-H program)
3. As an independent 4-H member, your 4-H membership is in association with the **Name of County** County 4-H program.
4. As an independent 4-H member, you are not authorized to use the 4-H Name & Clover in any for-profit events/activities or in ways that would violate 4-H name and clover graphic standards or regulations.
5. As an independent 4-H member, you must work under the direction of an adult. The adult may be an advisor, who must complete leader certification training (VOLT), or you may work under the supervision of your parent(s) who may be either VOLT trained or non-VOLT trained. If your parents are providing supervision and are not VOLT trained, they (parents) are acting only as parents, are not representing 4-H, and may not use the 4-H name/Clover.

6. As an independent 4-H member you may not raise funds for yourself in the name of 4-H. Examples include but are not limited to:
  - You may not raise funds where a check is written or cash is given to the 4-H member, parents or family members.
  - Independent 4-H members cannot raise funds for him/herself in the name of 4-H. In the case of a youth raising a market animal to be auctioned off they can recruit buyers to bid on their animal at the 4-H livestock auction as this is considered an important part of their 4-H project.
  - You may not raise funds to support any individual trip, such as Citizenship Washington Focus, 4-H National Conference or Congress, or international trips.
  - You may raise funds for a 4-H group/team in which you are a participant to attend a 4-H educational event/activity, such as Eastern States teams.

An original copy of this letter will be kept on file in the independent 4-H member's county 4-H office.

Sincerely,

County 4-H Staff

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Please sign below and return to your county 4-H office.  
(By December 31<sup>st</sup> if re-enrolling.)

By signing you and your advisor/parents are agreeing to the conditions as outlined in this letter. **NOTE:** By not signing this form, you are not a 4-H member.

Independent 4-H Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor/Parents \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Revised 1/5/18)