

4-H CALLIGRAPHY GUIDELINES

The following are guidelines for providing learning experiences in calligraphy.

General Guidelines for All Members

Learn calligraphy skills for lifetime leisure and vocational pursuits.

Learn how to select materials and equipment.

Learn types, names and uses of equipment.

Learn a variety of styles.

Learn to keep lines straight on the paper. Use straight edge or light pencil line.

Watch for thick/thin lines and keep letters at correct spacing.

Learn to be creative and original.

Each year the 4-H'er should further his knowledge of calligraphy.

EXPERIENCE GUIDELINES

Beginner or Basic Skill Level (usually 1st & 2nd year in the project)

Learn basics of calligraphy.

Learn how to write lower case alphabet.

For fair exhibit an entire lower case alphabet in one style and a saying. Both must be suitable for framing. May use calligraphy felt marker or water soluble ink.

Intermediate (usually 3rd & 4th year in the project)

Learn how to write upper case alphabet.

Learn how to use medium or wide nibs.

Learn how to work with water soluble ink or permanent ink.

Learn more styles of calligraphy.

For fair exhibit, two entire alphabets (one of lower case in one style and one of upper case letters in another style), and a saying using both lower and upper case letters. All must be suitable for framing. Must use water soluble ink or permanent ink, with medium or wide nib.

Advanced (usually 5th year and over in the project)

Continue to learn more styles of calligraphy.

Encourage creativity and originality in work.

Work with permanent ink.

For fair exhibit two entire alphabets (one of lower case in one style and one of upper case letters in another style), and a separate piece of work showing 4-H'ers own creativity. (An idea is an original greeting card.) Must use permanent ink.