

# THE \$15 CHALLENGE



Alabama 4-H  
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

**Do** you enjoy shopping? Do you look for great buys? Like to check out garage sales, thrift stores, or consignment shops? Have you ever brought your own special touch to an outfit that makes it unique and individually you?

## What You Will Do in the \$15 Challenge

- Shop in new places.
- Save money.
- Put together a great outfit.

## What You Will Learn

- To choose clothing that makes you look good.
- To use good shopping skills.
- To communicate clearly.

## LEVELS OF COMPETITION

For details on eligibility, see the General Event Policy.

### Junior Level I:

9 to 11 years old on December 31 of the current calendar year (compete only at local and regional level).

### Intermediate:

12 to 13 years old on December 31 of the current calendar year (compete only at local and regional level).

### Senior Level I:

14 to 15 years old on December 31 of the current calendar year.

### Senior Level II:

16 to 18 years old on December 31 of the current calendar year.

## The Rules for the \$15 Challenge

- 1** Don't spend more than \$15 on an outfit that covers the entire body. That means a top and bottom or one piece (such as a dress).
- 2** Receipts are required; they can be handwritten from garage sales.
- 3** Accessories and shoes are not part of the \$15.
- 4** Outfits must come from garage sales, consignment stores, or thrift stores.
- 5** Senior Level 4-H members must complete a community service report. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- 6** 4-H'ers must complete a \$15 Challenge Report.

Refer to the [Alabama 4-H Competitive Events webpage](#) to review the General Contest Policy and the Age & Eligibility Chart.

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## Community Service

Telling a great story, showcasing projects at a community library, speaking at the local nursing home, or organizing a community cooking or a building blocks workshop are great opportunities to serve others. Serving others helps build your academic skills, learn civic responsibility, and develop leadership. It may also give you a good opportunity to meet new people, publicize 4-H, and practice your communication skills. Alabama 4-H is now requiring all Senior Level 4-H members to add a community service component to all 4-H Competitive Events. Each Senior Level 4-H member will have to complete the 4-H Community Service Report as a part of their project. 4-H members will be disqualified if the community service report is not included.

It is important that you decide what service you can provide, not have a parent or 4-H leader make this decision for you. Groups of young people are encouraged to work together to discover how they can serve their community.

## Identification of Entry

Name, county, and level of participation should be displayed with each entry. Identification may be part of the introduction in the interview and style show.

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(Complete this form to help the emcee during the modeling of your garment for the judges.)

This is \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ County. \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club in \_\_\_\_\_

Short description of the garment:

Why you decided on this garment:

Cost of the garment: