NYS 4-H Club Membership Policy

- Any young person who meets the age eligibility requirements is eligible to enroll as a 4-H member. Any person in a legally-protected class, including but not limited to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, or disability, may enroll as a 4-H member.

- The New York State 4-H Club year runs from October 1 to September 30.

- Youth who are five years of age, on or before January 1 of the current club year, may enroll as a 4-H Cloverbud member.

- Youth who are eight years of age, on or before January 1 of the current club year, may enroll as a 4-H member.

- Youth who turn nineteen years of age, on or before January 1 of the current club year, may *not* enroll as a 4-H member.

- Persons with an intellectual disability may participate fully in 4-H programs as long as their developmental age is considered to fall between five and nineteen years of age.