

## 2021 Rabbit Skillathon Interview

The interview is an opportunity for judges to ask you questions about your 4-H project and your 4-H career. The interview portion is used to help determine the extent to which you actually participated in a project, what knowledge and skills were gained and how you handle yourself when asked tough questions concerning your project or 4-H activities. Be prepared to talk about your successes and failures in your project; if and how the project impacts future goals; what 4-H has done for you.

### Scoring

Project Knowledge - *Do you know about your animal? your project?*

Verbal Clarity - *How well can you relate your knowledge to the judge? Does your reply answer the question clearly?*

Appearance - *Are you dressed in clean, neat clothes? Did you dress up for the interview? Have you used proper hygiene? If pressed for time from another activity, did you explain to your judge the circumstances?*

Positive Attitude - *Are you sitting up and paying attention or are you slouching and uninterested? Are you smiling or unfriendly?*

Each factor is judged on a scale of 1-5, with a possible total of 20 points earned.

The judges opinion on each of the scoring factors is just that, their opinion. No two judges are going to have the exact same scoring. Judges will have a guideline to follow. Each level will have a judge. Judges are experienced in the species. Judges scores are final.

### Questions

Sample questions are starters for conversations. Interview is not a question and answer session with set answers. All of the questions do not need to be asked. A judges goal is to find a tangent and get you talking to them.

*How and why was the project selected?*

*What is your goal? What do you want to accomplish with your project?*

*Have there been any surprises in your project? How did you deal with them?*

*What have you learned from your experiences in this project/ in 4-H?*

*How much time do you devote to your project/4-H?*

*Did you ever get discouraged with your project? What kept you from being discouraged?*

*How do you manage time for this project/4-H in relation to your other activities?*

*What would you pass on to others doing a project or belonging to 4-H? What is the value of doing a project such as yours or belonging to 4-H?*

*What was the greatest challenge in your project? What was the solution to this challenge?*

*Where did you learn the most about your project? Through what activities?*

*What was the most important thing or things you learned in this project?*

*How has your project involvement grown since you enrolled in it? What complexity of skills have you learned?*

More specific questions about your animal will likely be asked. Such as the breeds you raise, breed questions, care and feeding, etc.