



2020 Nexus Oklahoma 4-H Equine Makeover FAQs

What is Nexus Equine?

- Nexus Equine collaborates and partners with other equine organizations, horse and breed associations, national animal welfare organizations and horse enthusiasts on a local and national level to be able to help horses more efficiently and effectively. The primary desired impact is to reduce the number of at-risk horses through education, outreach and adoption. Nexus Equine is a 501c3 non-profit corporation and funded solely on donations and grants. Nexus is a limited intake program and is not a sanctuary. The Mission of Nexus Equine is to facilitate alternatives for horses and owners through innovative opportunities and outreach.

What are the requirements to apply for the Oklahoma 4-H Equine Makeover?

- Applicants must be at least 13 years of age, the parent/guardian must adopt the horse for the duration of the 90-Day Challenge and Oklahoma 4-H member that has participated or is enrolled in one or more of the following 4-H Horse educational events and contests:
 - Horse Communication Contest
 - 4-H State Judging Contest
 - Statewide 4-H Family Horse Camp
 - 4-H Cowhorse Clinic
 - Equine Education Extravaganza
 - 4-H Round Up
 - Horse Science Academy

What are the awards for participating in the 90-Day Challenge?

- Two cash scholarships will be given to each Champion of the two categories, the option to keep (own) the horse (or the horse may be returned back to Nexus Equine for adoption), and many other awards.

Is there a fee to apply for the Oklahoma 4-H Equine Makeover 90-Day Challenge?

- No, it is free to apply and if selected there will be a \$25 fee per selected youth, due on Day 1.

How many applicants will be selected to participate in the 90-Day Challenge?

- Ten applicants will be selected to participate in the riding category and ten applicants will be selected for the in-hand category.

What tasks will be required if I am selected for the 90-Day Challenge?

- The panel of judges will assist the participant in setting individualized goals for the 90-Day Challenge.
- Financial Record Keeping
- Journaling training progress
- Composing a final essay
- Communicating with Nexus and 4-H Representatives via call, text or email
- Picture and video updates of your progress with your horse

If I do not own a truck or trailer, can I still apply and participate?

- Yes, Nexus Equine will provide transportation to those that need assistance. Please inform Nexus Equine of any transportation needs when applying

What if I need to board my horse for the 90 Days?

- Boarding cost be the responsibility of the participant and are non-reimbursable

During the 90-Day Challenge, do I provide the feed & hay for the horse?

- Yes, participants must provide quality feed and hay. Participants will leave with enough feed for the horse for the duration of the ninety days. Hay will be the financial responsibility of the participant and non-reimbursable.

What I think my horse needs different feed or supplements during the 90 Days?

- All dietary changes and/or supplements will need to be approved, in writing, by Dr. Kris Hiney. Reimbursement for these items will be a case by case basis and will be determined prior to approval.

Can I attach a Word File with my application?

- Yes! You may attach a Word document with your application. This is encouraged for the essay portion.

What if I can't be at the Heritage Place on April 11th and July 11th?

- It is mandatory to be at the "Day 1" & "Day 90." If those dates do not work with your schedule, perhaps a future event will work better with your schedule.

When will I get the horse's registration papers? (If applicable)

- If the adopter decides to keep the horse at the end of the Challenge, and the horse is registered, the adopter will receive the registration papers no later than 90 days after the conclusion of the event.

What if I adopt my horse on July 11th and determine at a later date the horse needs to be rehomed?

- Nexus Equine requires all horses returned to us if not kept by adopter. This is not an opportunity to adopt a horse and resale it at a later date.

What expenses are reimbursable during the 90-Day Equine Makeover Challenge?

- **ALL VET CARE MUST BE PRE APPROVED IN WRITING FROM NEXUS REPRESENTATIVE IN EITHER EMAIL OR TEXT**

What if my horse has lameness during the Makeover Event?

- During the first two weeks of the event (April 11- April 25th), finalists may contact Nexus Equine to discuss the possibility of receiving a new horse.

What if I want to travel with my horse?

- You are permitted to travel with your horse. Please inform Nexus of any travel plans. If you are traveling outside of Oklahoma, a health certificate will be required at your own expense.

What if I need training my horse during the 90 Days?

- Please let a Nexus Equine Representative know and we will either connect you with an approved trainer in your area or we will arrange for our Equine Training Manager to come visit and help.