CONSUMER EDUCATION

Each county may submit 2 entries total from 50168, 50169; and 1 entry from 50167.

50168  My Financial Future – Beginner: Develop a Financial Planning portfolio which includes the items listed below. This project can be completed all in one year; or a member may take several years to explore each of the activities and develop a more detailed financial plan. The original OR photocopies of the completed activities from the project manual should be included in the portfolio. Each year enrolled in the project should build on previous year experiences.

- First Year – Complete a minimum of Activities 1-6 from the My Financial Future – Beginner project manual which includes: Who Needs This?; Let’s get SMART; Bringing Home the Bacon; Managing Your Money Flow; My Money Personality; and Money Decisions.

- Second Year and Beyond – Complete a minimum of Activities 7-11 from the My Financial Future – Beginner project manual which includes: Banking your $$$$$; Charging it Up; Check it Out; Better than a Piggy Bank!; and My Work; My Future.

50169  My Financial Future – Advanced: Building on your previous work in My Financial Future – Beginner project, continue adding to your Financial Planning portfolio which includes the items listed below. Members are encouraged to spend more than one year involved in this project so they have time to thoroughly explore the learning modules and develop a greater understanding of financial literacy, planning for their future, and develop a comprehensive career and financial planning portfolio. The original OR photocopies of the completed activities from the project manual should be included in the portfolio. Each year enrolled in the project should build on previous year’s learning experiences.

- First Year – Complete a minimum of two activities from Module 1: Earning Income and Career Planning and Module 2: Organizing Your Flow.

- Second Year – Complete all activities not previously completed in Module 1: Earning Income and Career Planning and Module 2: Organizing Your Flow; AND a minimum of two the activities from Module 3: Working with Banks and Credit Unions: Bank on It and Module 4: Making Your $ Work 4 U.

- Third Year and beyond – Complete all activities not previously completed in Module 3: Working with Banks and Credit Unions: Bank on It and Module 4: Making Your $ Work 4 U; AND a minimum of two activities from Module 5: Credit and Consumer Breadcrumbs.

50167  Consumer Ed Ready4Life Challenge: (Open to 11- to 18-year-olds enrolled in any Consumer Education project)

Exhibits in this category must include the following: a) a physical representation of the career or business product such as a model, prototype or display/portfolio that includes images of accomplished work; b) verbal or written explanations that demonstrate knowledge of the related career or business fields, potential careers, and the appropriate requirements for achievement in those fields. The judging criteria for this class values thoroughness of career and/or business exploration and pursuit above the workmanship of the physical specimen on display.