

2026 4-H Chick Chain



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4-H Chick Chain is a great way for youth to gain skills in the areas of animal science, poultry, responsibility and personal development. 4-H youth will get 12 baby chicks (Australorps, Rhode Island Reds, or similar, based on availability) in late April or in May (tentative delivery date to be set). They will raise the baby chicks and will bring three (3) hens to the 4-H Chick Chain Sale at the 2026 Hamilton County Fair. Note that residents of the city of Chattanooga will get 8 baby chicks, to comply with city code.

Requirements for the 4-H Chick Chain

- Youth must be in grades 4th through 12th and enrolled in 4-H in Hamilton County. Enroll in 4-H using the online form at <https://tiny.utk.edu/HC4H> or by completing a paper enrollment form.
- The cost is \$60
- A required orientation will be held in March for those participating.
- Youth will keep a record book related to this project.
- An Extension Agent will make one or more home visits to check on the progress of the birds.
- Youth will learn about 4-H poultry judging through a study meeting held in the spring and can then participate in the 4-H Poultry Judging contest in August 2026.
- Youth are to bring back 3 birds to the 4-H Chick Chain Sale at the 2026 Hamilton County Fair.
- Youth will share in the funds from the sale - one-half to the youth and one-half to the 4-H program.
- Youth are to volunteer for a minimum of 4 hours at the poultry tent at the Hamilton County Fair and be present for the 4-H Chick Chain sale.
- Payment information – you may pay by cash, check, credit card, or money order payable to University of Tennessee. Payments may be made at the Extension office or (for checks payable to University of Tennessee) by mail. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- **Deadline to register and pay is February 20, 2026.** No refunds will be given after the deadline. See the back of this sheet for form and mailing address. If you need additional information, please contact the UT-TSU Extension Hamilton County office (423-209-8560).



2026 4-H Chick Chain Registration Form

Complete this information and return this page, with payment, to the Extension office by February 20, 2026. By completing this form you agree to the information above.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Grade as of 1/1/26 (must be in 4th-12th grade): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Phone Numbers: Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

Parent's / Guardian's email: _____

Please check each of the boxes below:

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1. I understand that I am responsible for checking on zoning laws and being sure that I can raise 12 (or 8-city residents) chickens at the site for my 4-H Chick Chain birds.

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2. I will bring 3 hens to the Hamilton County Fair for the 4-H Chick Chain poultry sale. I understand that the sale funds will be split between me and the 4-H program.

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3. I agree to help at the 4-H poultry tent at the Hamilton County Fair for at least 4 hours.

Mail or deliver to: UT/TSU Extension – Hamilton County, 6183 Adamson Circle, Chattanooga, TN 37416

Signature of Parent/Guardian of youth registering for 4-H Chick Chain

Date

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Date