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Dear Potential K4-HYLC Candidate:

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council (K4-HYLC) and Kansas 4-H'ers are looking for committed, enthusiastic members to serve on the 2011 Council, and we think that you might fit that description! We are confident that, if elected, you will acquire many valuable, life-building skills through your K4-HYLC experiences. This letter is intended to better inform you of the election process and the responsibilities that council members have once they are elected.

There will be twelve Council members (three from each area) elected at the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, November 19-21, 2010 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center to serve Kansas 4-H for the 2011 year. The process begins by completing and returning the application, along with two (2) letters of reference, and a picture. **Youth Council applications must be in the State 4-H Office in Manhattan on October 15, 2010**, which means you need to *plan ahead* to get your local Extension agent's signature and recommendation letter before then, to make that deadline.

You must also register for KYLF on or before October 15, 2010.

After the applications are evaluated, up to 12 candidates from each area will be selected to interview at KYLF. Following the KYLF interview, up to 6 candidates from each area will get the opportunity to run for a position on Youth Council.

Membership on the Youth Council will involve travel to meetings and various 4-H functions. Members should expect to encounter some out-of-pocket expenses. This will require commitment from you as well as your parents or guardians.

In addition, Youth Council Members will be required to:

- **Attend** meetings regularly. Youth Council will have a full year of activities, and will meet about **4-6** times throughout the year. We expect regular attendance at these meetings. More than three absences may be grounds for **dismissal** from the Council. Meetings are usually held in McPherson, KS on weekends or at Youth Council events.
- **Attend** conference calls. In order to plan and organize the numerous events that K4-HYLC puts on, there will be some conference calls. It is **pertinent** that each member does their part by contributing to these calls.
- **Attend** the Youth Council retreat **January 8-9, 2011** at **Rock Springs 4-H Center**. K4-HYLC will **elect officers, bond**, and make **goals** for the coming year.
- **Attend** the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum in **November 2011** as well as other **events** that are sponsored or hosted by the Youth Council.
- **Attend** other Kansas 4-H events as requested.
- **Establish** and **maintain** good communication with the counties and districts in your respective area, fellow members of Youth Council, and advisors of the Youth Council.
- **Establish and Maintain** consistent access to an **e-mail** account and the **internet**. **Reading** and **responding** to e-mail must become a daily habit.
- **Be or become VIP registered** through your local Extension Unit. 4-H VIP is the Volunteer Information Profile and is required in Kansas 4-H for all volunteers (youth and adult) working with young people.

Please carefully consider these requirements before turning in your application. Youth Council is a great **commitment**, but also a great **opportunity**! Youth Council will need all twelve elected members to make this commitment in order to have a successful year. A copy of the Kansas 4-H Youth Council application and the constitution can be printed from the Kansas 4-H web site at: <http://www.Kansas4-H.org>.

Thank you for your time and consideration in applying for the Kansas 4-H Youth Council. The 2010 Youth Council is planning an exciting and action packed Youth Leadership Forum. If you have questions regarding the elections, the Forum, the Council, or anything else, do not hesitate to contact:

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Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council

The 2010 Kansas 4-H Youth Council will be elected at the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum at Rock Springs State 4-H Center, November 19-21, 2010.

Responsibilities: Involve youth with K-State Research and Extension in **promoting, developing, implementing** and **evaluating** Kansas Extension 4-H and Youth Development programs in order to reflect the needs and interests of the **youth** in the state. Council members will also **plan** and **conduct** the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, Campference and other events.

Membership: There will be 12 Council members elected at the Forum. Council members must be between the ages of 14-18 before January 1, 2011. Kansas delegates to National 4-H Conference in 2010 and 2011 will also serve as council members.

Elections: Any Kansas 4-H member, between the ages of 14-18 before January 1, 2011 can apply for a position on the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council. **Applications are due in the State 4-H Office by October 15, 2010.** An application is enclosed with this letter/packet or may be printed from the Kansas 4-H web site at <http://www.Kansas4-H.org>. A selection committee will screen all applications, and up to 12 candidates from each area will be selected to interview at KYLF. Following the interview, up to 6 candidates from each area will get the opportunity to run for a position on Youth Council.

Those Candidates selected to run will be asked to give a **three-minute speech** about themselves and why they should be elected to a Council position. These speeches will be given to the Forum delegates from each candidate's Extension Area. A brief **question and answer** session will follow. Three candidates from each Extension Area will then be elected by the voting delegates to represent their area and Kansas as a Council member.

Each county will have up to two voting delegates (if only one person from a county attends, then the county has only one vote). Districts may have up to two votes per number of counties composing the district. The number of votes from a district may not exceed the number of delegates attending KYLF. *Candidates for the Council cannot be voting delegates.*

Up to Three 4-H members from each Extension Program Area (Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest) will be elected to the Council. All Council members will then meet at the orientation retreat in January, to select their officers.

A copy of the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Constitution is available on the Kansas 4-H website.

2011 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council: *Application*

Application **MUST** be typed and pages cannot be added

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street, Box or Route City Zip

Home Telephone : (____) _____

County: _____ Birth Date: _____

Club: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Extension Area: NE NW SE SW E-mail Address: _____
(please circle one)

I am currently VIP registered in my local Extension Unit ___YES ___NO

Please respond as completely as possible to the following items in the space provided. **DO NOT** attach additional pages.

1.) Summarize your 4-H experience including leadership, achievements, and recognitions.

2.) What characteristics do you possess that would be helpful in serving on the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council?

3.) Summarize your leadership experience outside 4-H, such as community, school or church leadership.

4.) Write a brief bio about yourself and your 4-H career.

1) Please attach two (2) letters of reference to this application. At least one letter must be from an Extension Staff Member or 4-H Volunteer Leader.

2) A recent photo of the applicant should also be included with this form

I have personally prepared this application and believe it to be correct. I am interested in serving on the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council. I realize this requires a significant commitment of time and I will keep that commitment if I am elected. I am willing to provide my own transportation to and from Council events. I can consistently access an e-mail account and a computer with internet access.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

I have read the requirements of a Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council member and understand what will be expected of my child if elected. I will support the Kansas 4-H Program and my child in fulfilling these duties and responsibilities.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

I will continue to support, guide, and provide education to this young person in their personal and professional development as a Kansas 4-H member.

Signature of Local Extension Agent: _____ Date: _____