K-STATE Research and Extension | Youth Leadership Council

Potential Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applicants:

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council (K4-HYLC) and Kansas 4-H'ers are looking for committed, enthusiastic members to serve on the 2020 Council, and we think that you might fit that description!

Through this application you can apply for **National 4-H Conference Delegate** and/or **Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Representative**. Both groups serve on the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. We are confident that, if selected (National Conference Delegate) or elected (Council Representative), you will acquire many valuable, life-building skills through your Youth Council experiences. There will be 12 Council members (3 from each Extension Region) elected, and up to 6 National Conference Delegates selected at the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, November 23-24, 2019, at Rock Springs 4-H Center to serve Kansas 4-H for the 2020 year.

Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2020 may apply as a **Council Representative** and those 15-18 before January 1, 2020 may apply for **National Conference Delegate**.

The Process includes:

*Online Application submitted by 11:59 PM CST, Tuesday, October 1 , 2019.

*Two Online Reference Forms - https://tinyurl.com/YC2020REF including one from an Extension Staff member or 4-H Volunteer Leader. Should be completed on or before October1, 2019.

*Signature Page mailed to: Kansas State 4-H Office, ATTN: Youth Council, State 4-H Office, 201 Umberger Hall, 1612 Claflin, Manhattan, KS 66506 or emailed to Kansas4H@ksu.edu

For Youth Council Representatives- After the applications are evaluated, up to 12 candidates from each area will be selected to interview by Zoom prior KYLF. Following the interviews, up to 6 candidates from each area will get the opportunity to run for a position on Youth Council. Those candidates will give a speech and be elected through a ballot vote by the delegates from their area during KYLF. Membership on Youth Council will involve travel to meetings and various functions. Members should expect to encounter out-of-pocket expenses. This will require commitment from you as well as your parent(s)or guardian(s).

For National Conference Delegates- After Applications are evaluated, those selected will be invited to interview during the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum(KYLF). There is a cost of approximately $1400 (after scholarships from the Kansas 4-H Foundation have been applied) to attend the National 4-H Conference. That can be paid by the delegate, locall scholarships, raised locally or a combination. Membership on Youth Council will involve travel to meetings and various functions. Members should expect to encounter out-of-pocket expenses. This will require commitment from you as well as your parent(s)or guardian(s). Dates for this year's Conference are March 28-April, 2020.

Conference Objectives

- **Learn** – Provide youth a broad- based learning experience in which they will acquire practical knowledge and skills to reinforce the attitudes and motivation that will give them a heightened sense of responsibility and capacity to connect as active members of their communities, nation and world.
- **Practice** – Engage youth in hands-on educational activities in which they explore, practice and master existing and newly developed skills/knowledge in civic engagement, civic education and personal development.
- **Apply** – Facilitate direct opportunities for youth to apply what was learned in real world experiences in which they develop leadership skills using their voices, work, ideas and/or behavior to make a difference in their community, country and world.

In addition, All Youth Council Members (Council Representatives and National 4-H Conference Delegates) will be required to:

- Attend meetings and conference calls regularly. Youth Council will have a full year of activities, and will meet about 4-6 times throughout the year with a number of conference calls. More than 3 absences may be grounds for dismissal from the Council.

- Attend the Youth Council Orientation Retreat January, 4-5, 2020 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Youth Council will get acquainted, elect officers, and make goals and plans for the coming year. Attend Citizenship In Action February 16-17, 2020, Campference June, 2020 (committee members plus other selected council members), Kansas Youth Leadership Forum November 21-22, 2020, Regional Leadership Forums and other events sponsored or hosted by the Youth Council or Kansas 4-H. Establish and maintain good communication with the Extension Units (counties and districts) in your respective area, fellow members of Youth Council, and advisors of the Youth Council.

- Reading and respond to e-mails (must become a daily habit). Be or become a registered 4-H volunteer through the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Screening process at your local Extension Office if you are 18.

Please consider these requirements before completing your application. Youth Council is a great commitment, but also a great opportunity! Youth Council will need all 12 elected members and National Conference Delegates to make this commitment in order to have a successful year.

Thank you for your time and consideration in applying for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council. If you have any questions about the election process please do not hesitate to contact Kyler Cox, 2019 Youth Council Elections Committee Chair KS4HYLCelections@gmail.com

Questions about National 4-H Conference? - please contact Beth Hinshaw, bhinshaw@ksu.edu