

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applicant Memo

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council (K4-HYLC) and Kansas 4-H'ers are looking for committed, enthusiastic members to serve on the 2019 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 Kansas 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 area) elected, and up to 6 National Conference Delegates selected at the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, November 17-18, 2018, at Rock Springs 4-H Center to serve Kansas 4-H for the 2018 year.

Age Requirements:

*Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2019 may apply for Council Representative

*Any Kansas 4-H Member between the ages of 15-18 before January 1, 2019 may apply for National Conference Delegate.

The Process includes:

*Online Application submitted by 11:59 PM CST, Monday, October 1, 2018. (<https://tinyurl.com/2019K4HYLCApp>) Click forward until you get this message: **Thanks for submitting your application for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council**. You will need to fill out your application all in one setting, so, be sure to review the copy of the application that is available online. It is a good practice to prepare your answers in a word processing program so you can just paste them into the application.

*Two References one from an Extension Staff member or 4-H Volunteer Leader:

- They will each complete an Online Reference Form <https://tinyurl.com/2018K4HYLCReference>
- Each will prepare a letter which can be uploaded by the writer in the online reference form link, mailed or emailed)

Mail to: State 4-H Office
201 Umberger Hall
1612 Claflin
Manhattan, KS 66506

or emailed to: Kansas4H@ksu.edu

*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

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For Youth Council Representative Applicants - After the applications are evaluated, up to 12 candidates from each area will be selected to interview by Zoom (only video) 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 Delegate Applicants - 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, local 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).

In addition, All Youth Council Members 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, 5-6, 2019 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 17-18, 2019, Campference June, 2019 (committee members plus other selected council members), Kansas Youth Leadership Forum November 23-24, 2019, Area 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 responding 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. 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 Skyler Sprecker, 2018 Youth Council Elections Committee Chair KS4HYLCelections@gmail.com

Questions about National 4-H Conference? - please contact Sarah Keatley, Keatley@ksu.edu

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