



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 2022 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 20-21, 2021, to serve Kansas 4-H for the 2022 year. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2022, may apply as a Council Representative and those 15-18 before January 1, 2022 may apply for National Conference Delegate.

### The Process includes:

\*Online Application submitted by 11:59 PM CST, Friday, October 1, 2021. **College and Career Tip** – *There is an application template on the web that shows you the application questions in order. Use that to formulate your application answers so you know what is being asked, you can plan ahead and be ready to just cut and paste your edited and spell-checked essay answers from your word processing program into the application.*

\*1-2-minute video introduction of you! Please email your video or a private YouTube link to [Kansas4H@ksu.edu](mailto:Kansas4H@ksu.edu) submitted by 11:59 PM CST, Friday, October 1, 2021.

\*One Online Reference Form - <https://tinyurl.com/2022Reference> from an Extension Staff member or 4-H Volunteer Leader. You will need to send this address to your references. Should be completed on or before 11:59 PM CST, Friday, October 1, 2021.

\*Signature Page emailed to: scan and email to [Kansas4H@ksu.edu](mailto:Kansas4H@ksu.edu) before 11:59 PM CST, Friday, October 1, 2021

**For Youth Council Representatives** - After the applications are evaluated, up to 12 candidates from each region will be selected to interview by Zoom prior KYLF. Following the interviews, up to 6 candidates from each region will get the opportunity to run for a position on Youth Council. The current plan is that those candidates will give a speech and be elected through a ballot vote by the delegates from their region during KYLF. **All applicants/candidates should follow email closely in case a change has to be made this year.** 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 interview either at KYLF or prior to the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF). There is a cost of approximately \$1700 (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). National Conference dates have not been set for 2022.

### **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 Zoom meetings. Additional work outside of meetings is necessary and expected. More than 3 absences may be grounds for dismissal from the Council. Some meetings will be via Zoom and require a device and internet access.

Tentative Plans for the year ahead: Attend the Youth Council Orientation Retreat January 8-9, 2022 most likely 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 20-21, 2022 in Topeka, Kansas and other events to be determined including 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 region, fellow members of Youth Council, and advisors of the Youth Council.

Reading and responding to e-mails must become a daily habit. 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 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 Katrina or Ryan, 2021 Youth Council Elections Committee  
Chairs [KS4HYLCelections@gmail.com](mailto:KS4HYLCelections@gmail.com)

Questions about National 4-H Conference? - please contact Beth Hinshaw, [bhinshaw@ksu.edu](mailto:bhinshaw@ksu.edu)