



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 2021 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 Virtual Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, November 21-22, 2020, to serve Kansas 4-H for the 2021 year. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2021 may apply as a Council Representative and those 15-18 before January 1, 2021 may apply for National Conference Delegate.

### The Process includes:

\*Online Application submitted by 11:59 PM CST, Monday, September 21, 2020.

\*2 minute or less video introduction of you! Email to [Kansas4H@ksu.edu](mailto:Kansas4H@ksu.edu) submitted by 11:59 PM CST, Monday, September 21, 2020.

\*Two Online Reference Forms - <https://tinyurl.com/YC2021REF> including one 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 Monday, September 21, 2021.

\*Signature Page emailed to: scan and email to [Kansas4H@ksu.edu](mailto:Kansas4H@ksu.edu)

**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. Those candidates will give a speech and be elected through a ballot vote by the delegates from their region 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 interview prior to the Virtual Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF). There is a cost of approximately \$1600 (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 is April 10-15, 2021.

### **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. Some meetings will be via Zoom and require a device and internet access.

Attend the Youth Council Orientation Retreat January 9-10, 2021 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 14-15, 2021, Campference June, 2021 (committee members plus other selected council members), Kansas Youth Leadership Forum November 20-21, 2021, 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 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 Rylee Coy and Isabelle Schemper, 2020 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)