

TO: Extension Agent(s) Responsible for 4-H Youth Development Programs

FROM: Sarah L. Keatley, Events Coordinator, Kansas 4-H

Date: February 21, 2017

SUBJECT: 2017 National 4-H Congress: Standard of Excellence Award Delegate Nominees and Centennial Delegates

The Kansas delegation to National 4-H Congress (Nov 24-Nov 28, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia) is comprised of three types of delegates. Please note, that there is no distinction either before, during or at National 4-H Congress regarding the types of delegates. The makeup of delegations is entirely up to the states and this is how Kansas 4-H goes about it. Information about Congress can be found at the following website: www.national4-hcongress.com

Project Delegates are selected on the basis of their performance in state 4-H project award competition. Project winners will be notified by April 1. Because some project winners have previously attended Congress, qualified alternates are given the opportunity to represent that project area. They will also be notified.

Standard of Excellence Delegates- Standard of Excellence Delegates represent all the recipients of the Kansas 4-H Key Award during the previous 4-H year. These were most likely presented at your Achievement Nights in 2016. Seven Congress Standard of Excellence Delegates are randomly drawn from names sent to the State 4-H Office before May 1, 2017. Each Extension Unit made up of only one county may submit one name. Extension Units (districts) made up of more than one county may send as many names equal to the number of counties that comprise the district. (Note: The names may come from anywhere in the District). Extension Units please select your name(s) in the following manner:

STEP #1. Create a pool of names consisting of ALL 4-H Key Award winners in 2016 who meet the following criteria:

- Were presented the Kansas 4-H Key Award in 2016.
- Have never attended National 4-H Congress before.
- Are enrolled in Kansas 4-H
- Have a genuine desire to attend National 4-H Congress.
- Are available to attend 2017 National 4-H Congress, Nov 24-Nov 28, 2017.
- Were at least 16 years old but not yet 19 years old before January 1, 2017.
- Willing to remain committed to attending 2017 National 4-H Congress once they accept the trip.
- Agree to follow the prescribed code of conduct, realizing failure to do so may result in the loss of privileges during the event and/or in the future.

STEP #2. Randomly draw the name(s) from your eligible pool, complete the attached form, and make sure that it arrives at the State 4-H Office by close of business (5 PM), Thursday, May 1, 2017.

Upon receipt of the nominees from local Extension Units, all names will be placed in a pool and randomly selected as the state Standard of Excellence Delegates for 2017 National 4-H Congress, and notified immediately. (Note: All state Standard of Excellence Delegates must confirm their participation at National 4-H Congress prior to May 15, 2017, along with a \$100 non-refundable pre-registration fee. The \$100 is applied to the total registration fee. Alternate names will be drawn until all seven delegate positions are filled.)

The Kansas 4-H Foundation provides a \$400.00 grant to help defray the registration expenses of the Project Delegates and Standard of Excellence Delegates. The registration fee of attending Congress in 2016 will be approximately \$1,400.00, less the 4-H Foundation \$400.00 grant.

Centennial Delegates Since 2002, the national 4-H centennial year, Kansas 4-H permits each Extension Unit to send one at-large delegate to National 4-H Congress. These at-large positions are called Centennial Delegates. Cost for the Centennial delegate will be the full amount of approximately \$1400.00 (no registration grant is offered). Selection criterion for Centennial Delegates is entirely up to the Extension Unit. To be eligible, delegates MUST:

- Have never attended National 4-H Congress.
- Be enrolled in Kansas 4-H.
- Have a genuine desire to attend National 4-H Congress.
- Be available to attend 2017 National 4-H Congress, Nov 24-Nov 28, 2017.
- Be at least 14 years old but not yet 19 years old before January 1, 2017.
- Remain committed to attending 2017 National 4-H Congress once they accept the trip.
- Agree to follow the prescribed code of conduct, realizing failure to do so may result in the loss of privileges during the event and/or in the future.

Participating Extension Units will need to notify the State 4-H Office on or before May 15, 2017, along with providing the non-refundable \$100.00 deposit and nomination form for the delegate. To help with your planning, you should remember that Standard of Excellence representatives to Congress will be named by May 15.

PLEASE REMEMBER, only state project and scholarship winners will be invited to attend the Emerald Circle Banquet.

**2017 STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE
NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS
NOMINEES**

_____ Extension Unit has selected

_____ as our 4-H Key Award nominee(s) for the Standard of Excellence delegate position(s). This(These) 4-H'ers meet all eligibility requirements for the random selection to attend the 2017 National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.

Signature, Extension Agent

RETURN BY May 1, 2017 TO: Standard of Excellence Nomination
Department of 4-H Youth Development
Kansas State University
201 Umberger Hall
1612 Claflin
Manhattan KS 66506

**2017 CENTENNIAL NOMINEE
NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS**

_____ Extension Unit has selected

_____ as our nominee for the Centennial delegate position. This 4-H'er meets all eligibility requirements to attend the 2017 National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.

Signature, Extension Agent

RETURN BY May 15, 2017 TO: Centennial Nomination
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