



National 4-H Conference

April 10-15, 2021

The current plan for the 2021 National 4-H Conference is that it will be held at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Details: The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults, at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture, assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces.

Any youth 15 to 18 years old by January 1, 2021 may apply. There is no limit to the number of youth who may apply from a county or district. **Please check with your Local Extension Office for any local deadlines. Deadline for submission of materials is September 21, 2020, 11:59 p.m. CDT.**

Up to six Kansas youth may be selected as delegates. One adult chaperone may also be selected to accompany the delegation. Chaperones must be at least 21 years old and must be Volunteer Registered. Interested adults should contact Beth Hinshaw, bhinshaw@ksu.edu

Cost: The delegate's share of registration and transportation costs is approximately \$1600.00. 4-H clubs, 4-H councils, local 4-H foundations and service groups have helped many delegates with this fee. Additional conference fees and adult chaperone registration, airfare, and meals are sponsored through the Kansas Bankers Association and the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Application Procedure: Youth must submit an online application form, signature and agreement page, intro video and request 2 online recommendations. All application materials are due online or emailed by 11:59 p.m. CDT on September 21, 2020.

A panel will screen the written applications. Top applicants will be notified by and invited for online interviews to select final delegates. Final selection of delegates will be made on the basis of the written application and interviews. To be eligible for selection, applicants must attend the virtual Kansas Youth Leadership Forum. Announcement will be made at the forum.

Responsibilities for Kansas National Conference Delegates :

- * Serve two years on the Kansas State 4-H Youth Leadership Council starting January 2021 at a kick-off retreat January 9-10. Meetings are held up to 4 times per year.
- * Assist with State 4-H events and programs including: Campference, Citizenship in Action, Kansas State Fair, Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, 48 Hours of 4-H and others.
- * Take initiative in helping 4-H members become more involved in Kansas 4-H program activities and decisions.

****Youth who cannot agree to these time commitments should not apply**

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