

2007 National 4-H Conference Application & Selection

The 2007 National 4-H Conference application and information are enclosed. When making county selections, please note that a variety of opinions and views are being sought at National Conference so the delegation should also ideally be varied and diversified.

Selection Procedure for National Conference

County Selection:

After each county selects one or two potential delegates this fall, nominees will be given copies of this application by their county 4-H staff with instructions to mail the completed, signed original application so it **arrives** at the State 4-H Office before **December 15, 2006**. Late and faxed or electronic applications will not be considered for National Conference. Note that both the applicant's and County 4-H & Youth Development Agent's signatures are required.

State Selection:

A State 4-H committee will review the applications and may call finalists for an informal interview. Selection of six National 4-H Conference delegates and two alternates will be made in early January. Those people will be notified and asked to return an acceptance form stating whether or not they accept a position on the Wisconsin delegation.

Criteria for Selecting National Conference Delegates

1. *Should have state or national trip experience, such as WI 4-H & Youth Conference, Area Animal Science Days, state Arts events, Citizenship Washington Focus, etc.*
2. *Should be experienced in local, county, area, and/or State developmental committees, advisory groups, councils, etc.*
3. Should be willing and able to work prior to Conference in collecting facts, ideas, etc, of local people regarding concerns of youth and possible action.
4. Should have time to stay involved in the work of conference throughout the year and make significant contributions in their communities.
5. Should be flexible as individuals to meet differing situations, have growth potential, and a curiosity about situations, people and events.
6. Should have an evident capacity to cope with ambiguity; be concerned about issues and be able to solve problems and get on with business.
7. Should possess strong interpersonal skills.
8. Should have good energy levels, capable of participating fully in an active and demanding program involving long hours.



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Date: October 22, 2006
FROM: Kay Hobler, WI 4-H Outreach Specialist
TO: National Conference nominees
RE: Applications

Congratulations on being selected by your county to apply to represent Wisconsin 4-H at the 2007 National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. which will be held March 24-29, 2007. The theme will be "Our Changing World".

Purpose of the National 4-H Conference

The National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. As the sponsor for this conference, the National 4-H Headquarters—located within Families, 4-H, and Nutrition at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Cooperative Research, Education and Extension Service—is charged with sharing the recommendations that emerge from the conference with the Secretary of Agriculture, national Extension Program Leaders, and others who determine 4-H programs. At the same time, we want to ensure that the conference is a rich and meaningful experience for the youth and adult participants. For more information, visit <http://4hconf.4-h.org/>

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.

Wisconsin's delegation to the National 4-H Conference will be a cohesive team of six diverse young people from across the state who will work together before, during and after the conference. You must be willing to work with the group on an Action Plan upon your return, which involves activities at the county, district and state level. The conference is a working conference. You will gain new ideas and wonderful friendships but do not expect to sit idly on the sidelines at this event.

Application procedure: As your county agent has probably already advised you, being nominated at the county level was the first step in becoming selected for this national trip. The second step is to complete, sign and mail the original application to arrive at the State 4-H Office **on or before December 15, 2006**. For ease of completion, find an application in Microsoft Word at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/natlconf/index.cfm>. Faxed and electronic copies will not be accepted.

A state 4-H identified committee will subsequently review the applications and make their selections. You will be notified of your status by early January. All selected candidates will be asked to complete and return an acceptance form.

Keep the objectives and expectations of the event in mind while you are completing your application.

Conference objectives are:

- 1.) to build the enthusiasm and confidence of delegates to take action to “Make the Best Better”;
- 2.) to provide an opportunity to share ideas, programs and experience in 4-H to strengthen and expand local programs;
- 3.) to establish a network to facilitate communication between delegates, states, and national program leaders; and
- 4.) to develop plans of action for delegates and state teams to implement programs and collaborate with others.

At the conference, delegates can expect to:

- learn about 4-H Youth Development Programs in other states, the U.S. Territories and Canada
- share recommendations for future 4-H Youth Development programming
- learn about the work of National 4-H Headquarters and USDA
- visit your Senators and Representatives on Capitol Hill
- enhance youth-adult partnerships in your state
- participate in professional workshops
- learn new skills to apply back home
- make new friends and have fun!

If you have questions about National 4-H Conference, contact your county 4-H Youth Development Agent or call the State 4-H office at (608) 262-1557 or (608) 262-0575.

NOTE:

**Applications RECEIVED by the State 4-H Office after December 15
will not be considered for National Conference selection.**

Attachment: National 4-H Conference Application

2007 NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE APPLICATION

This application must be typed and may not exceed two pages to be considered.

Personal Information

Name _____ County _____
(first) (middle initial) (last)

Home address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Gender: ___ Female ___ Male

Primary phone (_____) _____ Secondary phone (_____) _____
(home/work) (cell/school/work)

E-mail _____ Birth date _____

Age (as of 3/24/07) _____ Grade _____ Years in 4-H _____

School address & telephone (if different than above) _____

Parents/guardians _____

Address/telephone _____

Nickname (for badge) _____ T-Shirt Size: (youth) ___ small ___ medium ___ large ___ XL ___ XXL

Educational Status: ___ High school student ___ High School graduate ___ College student
___ College graduate ___ Other, specify _____

How often do you utilize e-mail? ___ Daily ___ Weekly ___ Bi-Weekly ___ 1-3 Months ___ None

Where do you access the internet? (Check all that apply.) ___ School ___ Home ___ County 4-H Office
___ Other _____

Residence: (check one)

- ___ farm: _____ acres
- ___ rural or town under 10,000
- ___ town or city of 10,000-50,000
- ___ suburb of city over 50,000
- ___ central city of over 50,000

Ethnic code (check one):

- ___ Hispanic
- ___ Non-Hispanic

Race (check all that apply):

- ___ Asian ___ Alaskan/American Indian
- ___ Black ___ Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- ___ White

1. Describe your most significant 4-H leadership and/or community service experience including the activity, its purpose, what was accomplished and your role in achieving the outcome.

(over)

2. Outline your public speaking experiences.

3. At National Conference, it is important to hear different ideas from a diverse population. What makes you unique?

4. From the 4-H pledge, select one of the H's and describe how it has impacted your life.

5. In the space below, outline your future education and career plans. What has most influenced those decisions?

6. In the space below, outline how you would plan to use this experience after you return home?

7. Attach a 1 page resume' of your 4-H, school, community leadership and work experiences. For ideas on writing a resume', check out the following websites: <http://resume.monster.com/> <http://jobstar.org/tools/resume/>; or www.teenadvice.about.com/cs/writingaresume/

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____
4-H Agent signature _____ Date _____

Mail signed original application form to arrive by December 15, 2006 to be considered
Faxed and electronic copies will not be accepted.
Return to 4-H Outreach Programs, 431 Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon St., Madison WI 53703.

National 4-H Conference

CONFIDENTIAL COUNTY 4-H AGENT REFERENCE

Applicant's Name _____

The above named individual has applied to be a Wisconsin delegate to the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. Your thoughtful evaluation of the applicant's ability to participate as a responsible delegate will be appreciated. All information is confidential. Thank you for your assistance.

1. Interpersonal Relations: As you observe this applicant in relationship to other people, is the applicant usually:

			comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Looked to for guidance?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Respected?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Outgoing?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sensitive toward others?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	_____

2. Will this applicant serve responsibly by setting aside time and being a good spokesperson to bring information back to the county and district or state programs? _____

3. In comparison with persons you have known, how would you rate the applicant in the following areas?

	Below average	Average	Above average	Top 10%
Emotional maturity	___	___	___	___
Leadership	___	___	___	___
Enthusiasm & energy	___	___	___	___
Self-confidence	___	___	___	___
Sense of humor	___	___	___	___
Creativity	___	___	___	___

4. Do you recommend this applicant for participation? **★★★★** yes **★★★★** no

Why or why not? _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Title _____ Telephone (____) _____

Due December 15, 2006
to
WI 4-H Outreach Programs, 431 Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon St.; Madison, WI 53703