



INFORMATION ON WISCONSIN STATE 4-H YOUTH LEADER COUNCIL

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Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Leader Council (YLC) is sponsored by a grant from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation.

Council Purpose:

Purpose 1: *To promote 4-H throughout the state of Wisconsin.*

Purpose 2: *To serve as leaders at Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference.*

Purpose 3: *To communicate with counties about State Youth Leader Council Events.*

Purpose 4: *To teach, demonstrate, and advocate youth leadership throughout Wisconsin.*

Purpose 5: *To work in collaboration with the Wisconsin State Adult Leader Council as a catalyst for achieving the mission of Wisconsin 4-H.*

Expectations of Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Council Members:

1. Attend and participate in all Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Council meetings (Fall Forum & Spring Retreat, Pre-Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference Weekend, Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference in June).
2. Participate in any other activity in which the Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Council is present. Represent 4-H youth at selected statewide events, including but not limited to auction at WI State Fair, Farm Bureau of WI annual meeting, WI 4-H Foundation fundraisers.
3. Fulfill committee work and other mutually agreed upon responsibilities.
4. Communicate regularly with Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Council advisors and members.
5. Communicate with other counties in the district on Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Council work.
6. Conduct yourself, at all times, in a manner that is consistent with the YLC Behavior Expectations.

Qualities Expected of Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Council Members:

1. Exhibit leadership at club meetings and county programs
2. Good communication skills
3. Good public relation skills
4. Responsibility
5. Positive role model
6. Positive attitude

Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Council Eligibility:

1. Youth should have completed 8th and not exceeded the completion of the 11th grade to enable their completion of the two terms while in high school.
2. Youth are elected to represent one of the six Extension districts. Total members per district based on the total 4-H membership in the district.

3. Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Council members are elected at the Fall Forum. New terms will start at the Spring Retreat following the Fall Forum they are elected.
4. You must agree to abide by the behavior expectations.

Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Council Member Election Process:

1. Complete the Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Leader Council application form as well as a résumé. Send it to a county 4-H Youth Development staff member for their signature and recommendation. Each county may have a maximum of two candidates.
2. County 4-H Youth Development staff forwards your application to the Youth Leader Council officers and Advisors by September 1.
3. Officers and Advisors of Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Leader Council select a slate of candidates by district. Applications are reviewed by YLC members and notification of candidates for election will be done shortly after.
4. Candidates need to attend Fall Forum.
5. There will be district caucus for the candidates to give a short presentation and answer questions before the election. Attending this caucus will be voting delegates/county plus current Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Council members. Results will be announced at the Fall Forum.
6. Newly elected Wisconsin State 4-H Youth Leader Council members will take office at the Spring Retreat.
7. Candidates should be present to be elected. If not present, only the application will be read to represent the candidate.



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