

Information on State 4-H Youth Leader Council

Council Purpose: To strengthen 4-H Youth Development programs by addressing youth issues, promoting 4-H, providing leadership at State Youth Conference, and communicating needs between local and state levels.

Expectations of Council Members:

1. Attend and participate in all Council meetings (Fall & Spring, Pre-State Youth Conference Weekend, State Youth Conference in June)
2. Participate in any other activity in which the Council is present
3. Fulfill committee work and other mutually agreed upon responsibilities
4. Notify district alternate if unable to participate in any meeting or function
5. Communicate regularly with Council advisors and members
6. Communicate with other counties in the district on Council work

Qualities Expected of Youth Council Members:

1. Leadership in club and county
2. Good communication skills
3. Good public relation skills
4. Responsibility
5. Positive role model
6. Positive attitude

Council Eligibility:

1. Youth should have completed 8th to 10th grade to enable their completion of the two term while in high school.
2. Two youth will be elected each year for a two year term from each of the six Extension districts.
3. New terms will start at the end of the June State Youth Conference. Council candidates will need to attend the Conference either as a regular or special county delegate.

Council Member Election Process:

1. Complete the State 4-H Youth Leader Council application form. Send it to a county 4-H Youth Development staff member for their signature and recommendation. Each county can have a maximum of 2 candidates.
2. County 4-H Youth Development staff forwards your application to Sue Pleskac, State 4-H Youth Development Staff, by March 15.
3. Officers and Advisors of State 4-H Youth Leader Council select a slate of candidates by district. By early May, council member candidates will be notified.
4. Candidates register for State 4-H Youth Conference with their county delegation.
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 2 voting delegates/county plus outgoing Council members. This caucus and election will be Tuesday afternoon after the seminars. Results will be announced that night.
6. Newly elected Council members will take office on Thursday of the Youth Conference.

State 4-H Youth Leader Council Application

(Please type or print in ink)

Name: _____ County: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email (if applicable): _____

Year Currently in School: _____

1. Please list leadership positions held in 4-H, school, and community.

2. Why do you wish to serve on the State 4-H Youth Leader Council?

3. What makes you a good candidate for the State 4-H Youth Leader Council?

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4. How would you use the State 4-H Youth Leader Council experience to contribute to your club and county?

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

County 4-H Youth Staff Reference:

Please review the information sheet on the State 4-H Youth Council. Please comment on this candidate's strengths and limitations for this role.

Do you recommend this candidate for the State 4-H Youth Council? _____

Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____

Staff: Please return this application to Sue Pleskac, 436 Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53703 by **March 15**