



2020 National 4-H Conference

Chevy Chase, Maryland

March 28- April 4, 2020

**Applications must be submitted
by 11:59 am November 5, 2019**

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.

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.

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 (CSREES)--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 meaningful experience for the youth and adult participants.

Purpose of California's Delegation to the National 4-H Conference

1. Allow California youth and adults to contribute to national level 4-H programming.
2. Assist California 4-H Youth Development in strengthening youth-adult partnerships and involving youth, volunteers, and staff in 4-H decision-making.
3. Provide a system for an exchange of 4-H Youth Development programming ideas among states.
4. Visit Congress and make legislators aware of the tremendous impact of the 4-H program.

Eligibility Requirements

Have not represented California 4-H Youth Development at the Conference within the past seven years:
Youth Delegates must be at least 16 years of age as of December 31, 2019 and enrolled as a 4-H Youth Member.

Team Delegates

The aim of the selection committee is to select a team that encompasses the diversity of California and the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. To this end, the selection committee aims to select up to six 4-H members from Community Clubs, School Enrichment, After-School programming, and collegiate 4-H, and one 4-H YDP Staff. The State 4-H Office may actively recruit or modify the makeup of the team to ensure diverse representation.

Sponsorship of the National 4-H Conference Program

The Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation support the California National 4-H Conference delegation through the California 4-H Foundation. Costs covered include: travel to and from the pre-conference orientations; travel to and from the National 4-H Conference; and National 4-H Conference registration fees.

Contact Information

Inquiries about the National 4-H Conference Program should be directed to

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Expectations for Delegates

Prior to Conference

- Attend the team meetings via webinar and in person
- Gather facts, opinions, and data from the 4-H Youth Development Program at the local, county, sectional, and state levels
- Interview your county's 4-H Advisor and submits a recap to the California 4-H Office about the variety of services and programs offered by the 4-H Program in your local county and throughout California.
- As a team, develop a consistent message from California 4-H to deliver at the conference.

During Conference

- Be an active participant while attending the National 4-H Conference.
- Be flexible, adaptable, and able to get along well with many types of personalities

After Conference

- Attend the team post-conference meeting via webinar
- Complete a team report about the conference.
- Write a thank you note to the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation.
- Report to the State Leaders' Council.
- Complete the "Take it Home Project"

Application Process

The completed application must be submitted online to the State 4-H Office no later than **11:59pm November 5, 2019**.

Completed Youth Applications must include the following:

- Application Form, resume, and essay questions uploaded to online application
- Biography report on their California U.S. Representative and U.S. Senator.
- References submitted using online survey. One each of the following:
 1. 4-H Staff (employee): Program Representative, Program Assistant, 4-H Advisor, or County Director
 2. 4-H Member or recent 4-H alumni (not over 21 years of age)

References should not be from family. Reference will only be accepted through the provided survey. Additional Letters of Reference will not be accepted.

Timeline

November 5, 2019	Application submitted online
December 4, 2019	Notification Letters emailed to applicants
December 16, 2019	Team Meeting- Online, 6:30-8:30pm
February 8, 2020	Team Meeting, 10:00am – 4:00pm, State 4-H Office, Davis CA
March 28-April 1, 2020	National 4-H Conference, Chevy Chase, Maryland
April 1-4, 2020	Extended days-Tour of Washington D.C.

Applicants will still be considered even if they cannot attend one of the Team Meetings listed above.

Special Accommodations



A candidate whose disability prevents him or her from completing the application in the usual method should contact Jenna Colburn at jcolburn@ucanr.edu for assistance.

Selection Criteria

- Able to work and communicate effectively with peers, executives, and the public.
- Have broad 4-H experience (within and beyond the county)
- Be well acquainted with the entire University of California 4-H Youth Development Program.
- Capable of participating fully in a very active and demanding program involving long hours.
- Act as a role model—through actions and words—a respect for human dignity and an appreciation for people of all races, ethnicities, genders, religions, abilities, and sexual orientations.

The evaluation of candidates is weighted as follows:

- Resume – 20%,
- Essay #1 – 10%,
- Essay #2 – 15%,
- Essay #3 – 15%,
- Essay #4 – 10%,
- Unique characteristics and skills – 10%,
- References – 20%



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