



## Monterey County 4-H

# Youth Council Advisor Application information

**Description:** The Youth Council Advisors are adult volunteers who agree to advise the activities of Youth Council Members. The Advisor(s) work with the youth plan a year of action that benefits the Leaders Council, 4-H program and its members. It is a one to two year term. Final selection is at the discretion of the Leaders Council and 4-H Program staff.

The Advisors assists the Youth Council members by:

Helping to plan the youth council meetings for the year (dates, facilities & technology needs)

Being active in utilizing the Leaders' Council yearly calendar to support the agreed upon activities and events the youth choose to participate in.

Establishing an effective communication style with the Leader's Council

Attends Executive Board or special meetings as requested

Using 4-H approved curriculum to develop or strengthen youth governance skills

Building communication skills of the youth to make decisions or give directions.

**Requirements:** A 4-H certified adult volunteer is eligible to apply for a position as Monterey County 4-H Youth Council Advisor if he or she:

- Is an enrolled and certified adult 4-H volunteer
- Shows commitment to serve as a 4-H volunteer, embracing the values and principles of the University of California Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program
- Relates well to youth aged 12 to 19 years of age and adults from a variety of backgrounds
- Is eager to learn about strategies for supporting youth development and managing a healthy community-based organization in an inclusive and "safe space"
- Is able to delegate responsibilities and lead effective collaborative efforts with Leader's Council, parents and members
- Can communicate effectively and in a timely manner with the Youth Council members and the 4-H offices.
- Will meet with 4-H Leader's Council and Program Staff to plan, discuss, share and accept the program possibilities and limitations
- Will set the agreed upon meeting calendar with youth and parents that is accessible
- Has some type of Council or teen leadership experience
- Is not a parent of a Youth Council member. (Or, can provide how they will address the potential conflicts)
- Is not a Club Leader with other obligations or conflicts over youth from their club who may apply.
- Can set aside time for all meetings and any additional sessions or appearances they may be asked to be a part of
- Will plan and share ideas with 4-H staff. Accept when ideas or practices are not in line with the YDP
- Is willing to guide and help prepare the Youth Council in their activities without controlling their decisions
- Is willing to acknowledge difficulties and ask for assistance

Youth Council Parent (s) may also play a role in leading by:

- Prove transportation for members
- Provide administration or technology assistance
- Taking an active part in fundraising for the program if needed
- Not inhibiting or restricting member the or the Advisor
- Attend Leader's Council meetings when the Advisor cannot
- Recognize when a child is overwhelmed, confused or struggling and notify the Advisor or Program Staff person
- Provide the time and resources to assist the Youth Council member in completing their work

Interested Volunteers are to fill out the application and submit to the 4-H offices by the annual due date. You will be contact by the Leader's Council after a review.

Additional resources for 4-H Leadership roles can be found:

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Volunteers/Project\\_Leader\\_Resources/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Volunteers/Project_Leader_Resources/)

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get\\_Involved/Volunteer/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get_Involved/Volunteer/)

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Volunteers/Online\\_Courses/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Volunteers/Online_Courses/)

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Volunteers/4-H\\_Volunteer\\_Orientation/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Volunteers/4-H_Volunteer_Orientation/)

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2423.pdf> Making it Work – Youth Adult Partnerships

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2424.pdf> Youth adult partnership - A training manual

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Volunteers/ProjectLeaders/>

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## Monterey County 4-H Youth Council Advisor Application

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Phone:		email:
Club:		
Number of years as a 4-H Volunteer:		
Number of years as a 4-H alumni if applicable:		
I have read the YCA information and can commit to this position as a Youth Council Advisor: yes <input type="checkbox"/>   I have questions <input type="checkbox"/>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please answer the following questions. Attach additional pages as needed.</i></p> Describe your role with past 4-H projects and activities.		
What do you see your role being as a Youth Council Advisor?		
Describe your experience in a guiding and facilitating young people to take on leadership roles.		
What skills do you bring as a Youth Council Advisor?		
Why do you want to work with the Monterey County 4-H Leader's Council and youth?		
Please describe any other commitments that you may have. Please be thorough.		