

MADERA COUNTY 4-H CALIFORNIA CITIZENSHIP FOCUS TRIP APPLICATION PROCESS

A 4-H member who meets the following criteria will be eligible for financial \$\$ help from Madera County Leaders Council as a Madera County 4-H delegate to California Citizenship Focus:

- Eighth grade graduate or older at time of trip.
- Completed one year and currently serving as a Jr/Teen Leader
- Submit completed California Citizenship Focus Trip application by **deadline**.
- Submit Madera County Citizenship pre-application criteria with items completed checked, initialed and dated by citizenship or community club leader and documentation attached. California Focus applicants must have completed one item from three (3) of the five (5) different areas of the criteria.
- Submit a copy of a 3-5 minute speech (minimum 2 pages double spaced) which will be given at CA Citizenship Focus interview (Topic: Why I would like to be selected as a citizenship delegate).
- Submit two sealed letters of reference (letters cannot be from relatives)
 - One from a 4-H Community Club Leader
 - One from another person in or out of 4-H
- Complete California Citizenship Focus interview (must be in 4-H uniform). A written critique of the member's communication skills will be sent to the member following their interview.

Schedule of Activity

4-H members elected as delegates will attend and participate fully in all citizenship meetings. This year long project will require a great deal of time and parental support. Delegates will take a team approach and effort on all Citizenship activities. An advisor/chaperon will be appointed to assist delegates in their trip preparation and to accompany them on their trip. It is the delegates responsibility to communicate with the advisor. Regional orientation or statewide meetings have priority and are mandatory in attendance.

<	October	*Application and interview. Fund-raising plan approved by end of October.
<	November	*Enroll in citizenship project
<	November-January	*Develop citizenship plan of action, work on fund-raisers (maximum of three)
<	Late-January	*Submit plan of action
<	January-March	*Complete Citizenship Study Guide booklet (<i>if applicable</i>), work on fund-raisers
<	Mid-March	*Submit completed citizenship booklet and balance of trip fees (approximately \$500) to 4-H Office
<	March-May 15th	*Finalize fund-raising efforts
<	April-May	*Attend Regional Citizenship Orientation
<	August	Develop a presentation and give to at least one other 4-H Club
<	September	Write an article on trip for "4-H Club Notes", give formal report on trip to 4-H Leaders Council

Lack of completion of asterisked items will result in the member being unable to attend the California Citizenship Focus Trip.

CA Citizenship Focus Trip Budget

Leaders Council funds: (no more than \$25 per delegate) toward CA Citizenship Focus delegates to be applied to second payment due mid-March. (*Achievement Night Auction funds will be determined by Leaders Council*)

CA Citizenship Focus delegates may travel one time only.

Fund raising:
cost of trip will be credited equally among remaining delegates.
Funds raised in excess of trip costs will revert to Leaders Council.

Due Date October

MADERA COUNTY 4-H
CALIFORNIA CITIZENSHIP FOCUS TRIP APPLICATION
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT. USE BLACK INK ONLY.

Name		Male/Female	
Address		Birth Date	
City	Zip Code	Telephone Day	Evening

Parent's or Guardian's Name

Name of 4-H Club	Years in 4-H
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School Attending	Grade/Year
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We can provide assistance for candidates with disabilities, if requested. If you would like assistance, please fill in the following:

Type of assistance requested:

Required signatures:

I have read the California Citizenship Focus Trip schedule of activity and budget with my parent(s) and agree to follow the requirements and responsibilities outlined for this program.

_____	_____
_____	_____
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Application Questions:

Follow these instructions:

1. Attach pre-application criteria form with application.
2. Attach one single spaced, single sided page describing the three activities completed from the pre-application criteria.
1. Attach documentation of the three activities completed.
4. Attach one page with one paragraph not exceeding 250 words describing your most significant experience as a Jr/Teen Leader?
5. Attach written copy of 3-5 minute speech (minimum 2 pages double spaced) which will be given at CA Citizenship Focus interview.

Confidential

Due Date October

**Madera County 4-H California Citizenship Focus Trip Program
Letter of Reference Form**

Youth Delegate's Name

Club

The above named individual has applied for the Madera County 4-H CA Citizenship Focus Trip Program administered by the Madera County 4-H Leaders Council. The Citizenship Program provides recognition and further opportunities for service for outstanding teenage 4-H members. CA Citizenship Focus Trip delegates represent the 4-H program at a State 4-H conference and county-sponsored activities and events.

Name of Recommender: _____ How long have you know applicant?

Relationship to Applicant: 4-H Community Club Leader Another person in or out of 4-H

Please provide narrative comments about the applicant's teamwork, leadership, and communication skills.

Youth Delegate's Name

Club

**MADERA COUNTY 4-H
CA/WA CITIZENSHIP FOCUS DELEGATE
Evaluation Sheet**

	Evaluation Topics	Possible Points	Scored Points	Comments
1.	Organization of Written Communication Skills			
	Presentation of accomplishments	10		
	Punctuation and grammar	10		
2.	Speech			
	Ability to speak effectively	10		
	Logical organization of ideas	10		
	Voice is clear and loud	10		
	Eye contact	10		
3.	Interview			
	Poise and self-confidence	10		
	Response to questions	10		
	Appearance - clean and neat	10		
	Enthusiasm	10		
		100		

Additional comments: