

National 4-H Events



National 4-H Congress

National 4-H Congress is held in Atlanta, Georgia each November. It is a highlight event of the 4-H program, led by a national design team of Extension educators, 4-H youth, and 4-H adult volunteers. 4-H Congress provides youth, grades 10-12, a quality educational and cross-cultural experience. Each year, the design team analyzes current youth issues and determines the most effective ways to address them. 4-H Congress is designed to address the needs and issues of youth while helping to develop capable, competent, and caring citizens. Applications are generally due in April.

National 4-H Conference

National 4-H Conference is a working conference, also known as the “Secretary’s Conference,” under the leadership of a planning committee of youth and adults and National 4-H Headquarters staff. 4-H National Headquarters at USDA extends an invitation, on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture, to the more than 100 Land Grant Colleges and Universities across the U.S. and U.S. Territories, to send a delegation to the National 4-H Conference. This event brings together youth; volunteer leaders; and state and county Extension staff members from across the United State, its territories, and the Canadian Provinces. These delegates assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. Delegates are selected by their state/territory/province. National 4-H Conference is held each spring at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center.

Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus is an annual event held each summer at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD. 4-H members in grades 9-12 can attend this week long event. The program utilizes Washington, D.C. as a working classroom to learn about the government, citizenship and civic education and provides hands-on opportunities for out teens to promote “Better Citizens Today, Better Leaders Tomorrow.”

Delegate Eligibility/Requirements

4-H members must be enrolled in grades 9-12 as of September of the prior year.

All interested 4-H members must complete an application form that requires a short recommendation from county 4-H faculty or staff. This recommendation is very important and must be included in order for the application to be considered. Applications are generally due in February.

Candidates should be mature, responsible, and show a willingness to work in furthering citizenship education in the county upon their return.

All applicants will be interviewed.

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