

**MISSOURI STATE 4-H COUNCIL  
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION  
*Return to the Franklin County Extension Center by January 8  
Interview date is Saturday, March 6 in Troy, Mo.***

The Missouri State 4-H Council is an elected body of 4-H youth who serve as the voice of Missouri 4-H youth for one year terms. Council members help plan and implement events like State 4-H Congress, Teen Conference, and Youth as Professionals. They represent Missouri 4-H at national, regional, and state events, donating volunteer hours at the Missouri State Fair, State 4-H Contest Days, and other 4-H events. Council members are ambassadors and spokespersons for Missouri 4-H.

Three youth from the East Central Region are elected as Regional Representatives each year and another is elected as an alternate. They are lead by the Council's Executive Committee, which consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four State Representatives. Elections are held in June each year during State 4-H Congress. *Youth must attend State 4-H Congress in order to run for a position on the Council and must attend all Council meetings once elected.* The Franklin County 4-H Council will pay the registration fee for any county member who is selected as a Regional Representative candidate.

**Note:** Anyone missing more than two Council meetings will be deactivated and transitioned to the Alternate Representative role.

**QUALIFICATION:** Any 4-H participant, age 14-17 on January 1 of the election year, may apply to be a candidate for Regional Representative. The 4-H'er must meet the age requirements listed above, must be currently enrolled in a 4-H program, in good standing in their local 4-H club or unit, and have completed the previous year of 4-H work. Candidates should be selected by their region on the following basis: 40% 4-H experience; 50% personal interview; 10% recommendation by county Extension Staff.

**COST:** The Council meets 5-6 times per year in weekend meetings. Lodging and some meals are provided. All other expenses including travel, green jacket and gold tie are the 4-H member's responsibility. Some funds are available to assist with councilwear expenses if needed.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Regional Representatives will be selected through the following process:

December/January

Eligible 4-H members will submit an application form and letter to their County Youth Specialist or Youth Education Assistant by January 8, 2011. The letter should state why they want to serve on the State 4-H Council and give a summary of their qualifications.

February

Regional Representative Application and Recommendation Form from county's 4-H Youth Specialist or Youth Program Assistant are due to that region's point-of-contact, who is responsible for scheduling and facilitating regional interviews. A schedule for regional interviews is created and sent to all applicants by the point-of-contact.

March

Interviews held in each region. All applicants must interview in person. If an extreme circumstance prevents a candidate from attending the interview, a makeup interview may be scheduled at the discretion of the region point-of-contact and the county's Youth Specialist or Youth Program Assistant. Three to nine candidates will be selected per region.

March 15 – The region's point-of-contact sends all applications to the State 4-H Office, clearly identifying which were selected and not selected. *The region's point-of-contact then notifies all applicants as to whether they were selected to run for regional representative positions.* Candidates must register for State 4-H Congress through their County Extension Center before May 1, and must complete this selection process before being allowed to run for Regional Representative.

June

State 4-H Congress (June 1-3, 2011) - Candidates will be introduced at Regional caucuses. Candidates will give campaign speeches and regional elections will be held. Installation of new members will take place the final morning of State 4-H Congress.

**STATE 4-H COUNCIL REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please complete the following, using only the front and back of this form (do not attach extra pages). It may be filled out electronically or handwritten. Remember to indicate the level of involvement: Club or local **(L)**; County **(C)**; Multi-county, Area, District, or Regional **(D)**; or State **(S)**.

1. Years in 4-H work completed: \_\_\_\_\_.
2. List 4-H offices you have held: (EXAMPLE: President, 4-H Council - C; Treasurer, Busy Bees - L).
3. List your other most significant leadership roles, both in 4-H and outside of 4-H. (EXAMPLE: Chaired "Share the Fun" Committee - C, Served as Council Youth Liaison - C, President of my High School Debate Club - L, etc.)
4. List 4-H projects completed and years in each project. (EXAMPLE: Computers: 1996, 1997, 1998.)
5. Other learning activities: Give the year(s) and the level of participation.

Title of talks or demonstrations	Number of radio or TV appearances, news articles written by you, etc.	Tours, conferences, workshops, or camps attended	Number of exhibits, judging events

6. What do you consider your most significant 4-H experience, and why?
7. Why would you like to be a Regional Representative on the State 4-H Council?

8. Representing the counties in your region is a serious responsibility. Considering your other interests and involvements, if you are selected as a Regional Representative where will the State 4-H Council rank among your priorities?

Do you have any other commitments or other responsibilities that would prevent you from attending all State 4-H Council meetings, and from being active in all State 4-H Council initiatives?

9. Please describe your leadership skills.

According to the By-Laws of the Missouri State 4-H Council, Regional Representatives must meet the following criteria:

- Be currently enrolled in the 4-H program;
- Be in good standing in their local 4-H club or unit;
- Have completed the previous year of 4-H work.

I verify that I meet the above criteria as stated in the Missouri State 4-H Council By-Laws.

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Applicant's Signature

Application must include:

- Application Form
- Letter of Interest from applicant stating why you want to serve, along with a summary of qualifications
- Completed Reference Form from your County 4-H Youth Specialist or Youth Education Assistant.

## **LETTER OF INTEREST**

*Please indicate why you wish to serve on the State 4-H Council, what you could bring to the team,  
and how you would represent the youth in your region.*

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