

MISSOURI STATE 4-H COUNCIL REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION

The Missouri State 4-H Council is an elected body of 4-H youth who serve for one year. Council members help plan and carry out State 4-H Congress and State 4-H Teen Conference. 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 eight Extension Regions are elected as Regional Representatives each year. Other members of the Council are 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.

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 will be selected 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 are the 4-H member=s responsibility. Council members must attend State 4-H Congress the year of their election and the following year. Members will be expected to pay their own State 4-H Congress registration fees and to purchase a uniform.

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. 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 4-H Youth Specialist or Youth Education Assistant are due at State Office.

Schedules for regional interviews sent to applicants.

March

Regional interviews held in eight sites. All applicants must attend. Three to nine candidates will be selected per region.

March

Make-up interviews for those who miss the March interviews.

April

All applicants notified. Candidates must register for State 4-H Congress through their County Extension Center before May 1.

June

State 4-H Congress - 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
USE ONLY FRONT AND BACK OF THIS FORM. DO NOT ATTACH EXTRA PAGES**

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____ County _____ SS Number _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Indicate the level of involvement: Club or local **(L)**, County **(C)**, Multi-county, Area, District, or Regional **(D)**, and 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 a selection of committee responsibilities. Star (*) those which you chaired. (EXAMPLE: *Club Achievement Night - L; Area Horse Show - D.)
4. List 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	Tours, conferences, workshops, or camps attended	Number of exhibits, judging events

6. What do you consider your most significant 4-H experience? Why?

BE SELECTIVE IN LISTING 4-H EXPERIENCES. USE ONLY THE FRONT AND BACK OF THIS FORM.

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 criteria as stated in the Missouri State 4-H Council By-Laws.

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.

**MISSOURI STATE 4-H COUNCIL
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
REFERENCE FORM**

To be completed by County Youth Specialist or Youth Education Assistant

Name of applicant

County _____

Region

Please check the most appropriate response:

Qualification	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Don=t Know
Leadership Skills					
Ability to communicate with others					
Working with groups					
Managing tasks					
Ability to promote 4-H					

Do you know of any reason why this individual should not serve on the State 4-H Council? If yes, please indicate.

According to the Missouri State 4-H Council By-Laws a Regional Representative must meet the following criteria:

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

Yes, this applicant has met the criteria

No, this applicant has not met the criteria

If no, please list the criteria not met:

Comments:

Signature of county Youth Specialist or Youth Education Assistant