

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 each of the following five Extension regions - Northeast, Northwest, East Central, South Central, and Southwest - are elected each year. Four youth from each of the remaining three Extension regions - West Central, Southeast, and Central are also elected. The fourth seat in each of these three regions is reserved for youth from Lincoln University Extension programs. 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 or Lincoln University Extension participant, age 14-17 on January 1, 2005 may apply to be a candidate for regional representative. The youth must meet the age requirements listed above, must be currently enrolled in a 4-H or Lincoln University Extension program, in good standing in their local 4-H club, unit, or Lincoln University Extension program and have completed the previous year of 4-H or Lincoln University Extension work. Candidates will be selected on the following basis: 40% 4-H or Lincoln University Extension 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 youth's responsibility. Council members must attend State 4-H Congress the year of their election and the following year.

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

- **December/January** - eligible youth submit a Regional Representative Application Form and letter to their County Youth Specialist or Youth Program Associate/Assistant. Please share the 4-H State Council Code of Conduct with interested applicants so they understand expectations of behavior as a Council member if elected to the State 4-H Council. Once elected, each State 4-H Council member will sign the Code of Conduct.
- **February** - the County Youth Specialist or Youth Program Associate/Assistant sends Regional Representative Applications and Recommendation Forms to the regional 4-H or Lincoln University Extension contact person responsible for scheduling and facilitating regional interviews. The regional contact person then sends the schedule for the regional interview to applicants.
- **February/March** - interviews are held in eight regions. All applicants must attend. Three to nine candidates will be selected per region. An overview of the regional representative interview and sample questions to use is available on the share drive.
- **March 15** - the regional contact person sends the paperwork for the three to nine candidates selected during regional interviews to the State 4-H office.
- **April 1** - Although regional interviews are required, make-up phone interviews will be allowed in extreme circumstances. The State 4-H office will conduct make-up phone interviews with applicants that were unable to participate in the regional interview. A 4-H staff member from the region of that youth(s) will be asked to help conduct the make-up phone interview.
- **June 1-3** - State 4-H Congress - Candidates will be introduced at regional meetings. 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 and LU Extension 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 that you chaired. (EXAMPLE: *Club Achievement Night - L; Area Horse Show - D.)
4. List projects and/or programs completed and years in each. (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 or Lincoln University Extension 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 or Lincoln University Extension program;
- Be in good standing in their local 4-H club, unit, or Lincoln University Extension program;
- Have completed the previous year of 4-H or Lincoln University Extension 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 Youth Specialist or Youth Education Assistant.

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

To be completed by County Youth Specialist or Youth Program Associate/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:

- * Be currently enrolled in the 4-H or Lincoln University Extension program;
- * Be a member in good standing in their local 4-H club, unit or Lincoln University Extension program;
- * Have completed the previous year of 4-H or Lincoln University Extension 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 Program Associate/Assistant