

Missouri State 4-H Council Code of Conduct

Missouri State 4-H Council members are “high profile” representatives of Missouri’s 4-H program. Everything they do during their term reflects on 4-H. Because the name and reputation of 4-H is so valuable, the youth of past Missouri State 4-H Councils have created the Code of Conduct, below, that Council members commit to living by during their terms. This Code of Conduct reflects the standards, guidelines and expectations of all 4-H Council members.

As a State 4-H Council member, I will...

1. obey the laws of my community, state and country, and I accept responsibility for knowing them.
2. stay 100% free from drugs, including both consuming drugs and being in possession of them. This includes alcohol, tobacco products in all forms (chewing, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, etc), and marijuana. I will not stay in the presence of others who are using drugs.
3. attend all Missouri State 4-H council meetings, Teen Conference, State Congress, and all 4-H events that I have volunteered for
 - If I cannot attend an event, I will provide the State 4-H Council coordinator appropriate documentation at least two weeks before the event or meeting
 - If I miss more than one meeting during the council year without an approved absence, I will switch roles with the Alternate Representative.
 - Late arrivals or departures must also be approved by the State 4-H Council Coordinator
4. take responsibility for my choices and accept the consequences of my actions. I know that I can be dismissed from the State 4-H Council immediately if I fail to uphold the first three expectations above.
5. work cooperatively and respectfully with the youth, adult staff, 4-H volunteers, and University of Missouri Extension.
6. be trustworthy and reliable in carrying out responsibilities I've accepted.
7. look out for safety and well-being of others, and act quickly to report anything which threatens it.
8. accept that I am a role model and use the etiquette expected of a Missouri State 4-H council member, including:
 - abstaining from any public displays of affection that are inappropriate for the setting
 - dressing respectfully and in a way that’s appropriate for the task at hand.
 - keeping my language appropriate to the environments I’m in and avoiding profanity.
 - postings to all social media sites
 - showing up on time or early to 4-H meetings and events.
9. use my best judgment because I also understand that not all things that are inappropriate are written in this code of conduct

State Council Member Print: _____

State Council Member Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____