

MISSOURI STATE 4-H COUNCIL REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION TO SERVE 2023-24 COUNCIL YEAR

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 a one-year term. Council members help plan and implement events like 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 spokespersons for Missouri 4-H.

One youth and one youth alternate from each MU Extension Region are selected as a Regional Representative and an Alternate each year. They are led by Adult Advisors and the Council's Executive Committee, which consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Outreach Coordinator. *Youth must attend State 4-H Congress, all Council meetings once elected* and any other events as necessary. Anyone missing more than one Council meeting can be transitioned to the Alternate Representative role.

QUALIFICATION: Any 4-H participant, age 14-17 on December 31 of the program year, may apply to be a candidate for Regional Representative. The 4-H'er must meet the age requirements listed above, be currently enrolled in a 4-H program. It is assumed that candidates will be an active 4-H member in the region they are representing throughout their Council term, unless the candidate notifies the interview committee otherwise (i.e., if attending college elsewhere in the state, etc.). Candidates should be selected by their region on the following basis: 40% 4-H experience; 50% personal interview; 10% recommendation by county 4-H professional staff. Personal interviews are conducted by a committee designated by the region's 4-H professional staff, which identifies who will represent the region on the State 4-H Council.

COST: The Council meets 4-5 times per year in weekend meetings. Lodging and some meals are provided. Council members will receive funding for their Council green jacket, gold tie, polo, and nametag.

HOW TO APPLY: Regional Representatives will be selected through the same general process, but each region sets its own dates. Applications may be due anywhere from late fall to mid-winter, so interested applicants should check with their county 4-H office ASAP for the exact timeline.

Application and Cover Letter to County 4-H Office

Eligible 4-H members will submit an application form, letter and reference form to their County Youth Specialist, Educator, or Program Assistant. The letter should state why they want to serve on the State 4-H Council and their qualifications.

Regional Candidates Selected and Interviews Scheduled

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.

State 4-H Council Regional Interviews

Interviews are held in each region, and 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 interview team.

Candidate Selection Due to State

March 1 – The region's point-of-contact sends all applications to the State 4-H Office, clearly identifying who were selected to serve as one Regional Representative and one alternate representative. These individuals must register for State 4-H Congress by their county's deadline.

State 4-H Congress (May 31-June 2, 2023) - Installation of new members will take place on the final morning.

STATE 4-H COUNCIL REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Phone Number _____ Your Age on December 31, 2022 _____

Mailing Address _____ E-mail Address _____

County _____ Parent's E-mail Address _____

My polo size is (please circle one): S M L XL XXL XXXL in men's sizing / women's sizing.

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, President of my High School Debate Club - L, etc.)
4. Describe some of your significant accomplishments as a *member* of your 4-H club/program:
5. Please list any learning opportunities and contributions that have *added to your level of 4-H experience*, including the date. Examples include 4 -H demonstrations, writing a newspaper article, doing a radio interview, attending a workshop, participating in a state 4-H event (such as Teen Conference), attending camps, etc.
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. Priorities: Representing the counties in your region is a serious responsibility. Considering your other interests and involvements...
- a) If you are selected as a Regional Representative where will the State 4-H Council rank among your priorities?
- b) 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? Examples include sports teams, other organizations, fraternity/sorority membership, and honorary positions.
- c) Do you have July 8-9, 2023 and July 15-16, 2023 (one of these dates will be confirmed at a later time) blocked on your calendar for the first meeting of the new State 4-H Council?
9. Will you be living in the region for which you are applying to represent for the full term of the upcoming Council year? If not, please explain (i.e., going to college, family is moving, etc.).
10. Please describe your leadership style:

According to the By-Laws of the Missouri State 4-H Council, Regional Representatives must be currently enrolled in the 4-H program.

I verify that I meet the above 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 Program Assistant.

LETTER OF INTEREST

Please indicate

- (1) why you wish to serve on the State 4-H Council
 - (2) what you could bring to the team
 - (3) how Council would stack up against your other commitments
 - (4) how you would represent the youth in your region
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**MISSOURI STATE 4-H COUNCIL
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
REFERENCE FORM**

To be completed by County Youth Specialist or Youth Program Assistant

Name of applicant _____

County _____

Region _____

Please check the most appropriate response:

QUALIFICATON	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Overall Leadership Skills					
Ability to communicate with others					
Strength in working on a team					
Follow-through in managing tasks					
Ability to promote 4-H effectively					

Do you know of any concerns about this applicant's ability to represent your region on the State 4-H Council?
If yes, please indicate:

According to the Missouri State 4-H Council By-Laws a Regional Representative must be currently enrolled in the 4-H program.

Yes, this applicant has met the criteria

No, this applicant has not met the criteria

If no, please explain:

Comments:

Signature of appropriate 4-H professional staff person:

Date: _____