

MISSOURI STATE 4-H COUNCIL EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPLICATION

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 and 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. A 4-H youth is defined as a member enrolled in any Youth Development program with the University of Missouri Extension.

If chosen for an executive position, you will be responsible for leading the regional representatives with the help of the Adult Advisors. Executive council roles include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Outreach Coordinator.

Refer to the [State Council By-laws](#) for specific duties of each officer position.

QUALIFICATION: Any 4-H participant, age 14-18 on December 31 of the program year may apply to be a candidate for executive office. The 4-H'er must meet the age requirements listed above and be currently enrolled in a 4-H program. It is assumed that candidates will be an active 4-H member in their region, unless the candidate notifies the interview committee otherwise (i.e., if attending college elsewhere in the state, etc.). Executive officer candidates will be selected by a professional panel through an interview process. Two candidates for each position will be selected to go through the election process at State Congress.

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

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit to State 4-H Council Coordinator on or before January 15, 2023 the following items USPS or Electronically to State 4-H Council Coordinator, Erin Stanley, 524 Hitt St, 303 Gentry Hall, Columbia, MO 65211 estanley@missouri.edu

*Application form

* Resume

*Letter of interest

* Minimum of two letters of recommendation (one 4-H Staff or faculty and one from a professional or personal reference.)

NOTE: Candidates must download the [reference form](#) from the website and provide it to the person writing the reference. The reference will return the form directly to the State 4-H office once completed.

SELECTION PROCESS:

January 15	Professional panel will review each application and select those to be personally interviewed.
February 2-3	Interviews conducted
February 10	Panel presents 10 candidates (two per office) to State 4-H Council Coordinator with acceptance from all candidates.
March 1 st –	Candidates announced via Electronic Youth Connections, posted to the State 4-H Website and through the MU EXT Youth Staff list serve.

June

State 4-H Congress (May 31-June 2, 2023) – The Executive Officer candidates selected by the interview committee will give speeches during State 4-H Congress, and all Missouri 4-H members will vote to elect the 5 officer positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Outreach Coordinator. Videos of speeches will be shared and online voting will be available for members not attending State 4-H Congress. Installation of new officers will take place on the final morning.

STATE 4-H COUNCIL EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPLICATION FORM
Due to State 4-H Council Coordinator on or before January 15, 2023
524 Hitt St 303 Gentry Hall, Columbia, MO 65211
estanley@missouri.edu

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Phone Number _____ Your Age on December 31, 2022 _____

Mailing Address _____

County _____ (city) _____ (zip) _____
 E-mail Address _____

Parent's E-mail Address _____

Rank the executive offices in order from most desired to least: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Outreach Coordinator

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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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, Regional (R); State (S) or National (N).

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 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 serve on the State 4-H Council executive committee?

8. What is your personal leadership style?

9. Why are you most interested in running for the executive office you indicated as your top choice? What skills or experiences do you have that will help you be successful in this role?

10. If you were offered a position other than one you preferred, would you accept? Why or why not? (There is no right or wrong answer—we just want to get a good indication.)

11. Priorities: Representing Missouri 4-H is a serious responsibility. Considering your other interests and involvements...
 - a) If you are selected as an executive council member, 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 and July 15-16, 2023 (one of these dates will be confirmed at a later date) blocked on your calendar for the first meeting of the new State 4-H Council?

According to the By-Laws of the Missouri State 4-H Council, the candidate 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,
- Resume

* Don't forget two references-- one from your County 4-H Youth faculty or staff and one from a professional or personal reference. The forms are located on the website, and it is your responsibility to contact your references & send them the form.

LETTER OF INTEREST: Limit 1 page using #10 font size

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, and (4) how you would lead the regional representatives.
