

National 4-H Conference 2022 Missouri Delegation Application

Being selected to attend the National 4-H Conference is one of the highest honors a Missouri 4-H member can attain. Only 3 youth are selected to attend each year. During the National 4-H Conference, 4-H'ers participate in developing recommendations for the 4-H youth development program. The National 4-H Headquarters then shares the recommendations with the Secretary of Agriculture, National Extension program leaders and others who determine 4-H programs. This event brings together young people, volunteers and state and county extension staff from across the United States, the U.S. territories and the Canadian provinces.

This application is for National 4-H Conference 2022, to be held in Spring 2022. This event is traditionally hosted in Chevy Chase, MD at the National 4-H Conference Center. This event is an all-expenses paid opportunity supported by the Missouri 4-H Foundation and the Turner Family.

Application Process

Applications are due to the Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development by March 1st, 2021. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of judges representing the Missouri 4-H Foundation, Turner Family and Missouri 4-H. Delegates will be announced at or around State 4-H Congress 2021.

Applicants will submit the form on page 2 of this document, 2 letters of recommendation and a video essay response. One letter of recommendation should come from a 4-H leader or professional and the other should come from an educational/professional like a teacher, coach, mentor or supervisor. A rubric for the video can be found on page 3.

Video submissions can be sent as a video file or uploaded to a video hosting platform like YouTube and sent in as a link. Please note that video submissions sent as a file may need to be compressed (.zip folder) or mailed in on a flash drive depending on their size. We're happy to work with applicants to find a submission format that works best for you as long as arrangements are made before March 1st.

Completed applications can be emailed to brandeberrys@missouri.edu or mailed to:

Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development
c/o Samantha Brandeberry
1110 S College Avenue
Columbia, MO 65211

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Preferred Name or Nickname: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____

Youth Email Address: _____

Youth Phone Number: (____) ____ - ____

4-H Club/Group: _____

Birth Date: _____ 4-H Age (on December 31, 2021): _____

Identifying Gender: _____

T-Shirt Size: Small Medium Large XL 2XL 3XL

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Family Email Address: _____

Family Phone Number: (____) ____ - ____

Disclaimer

Demographic information collected on this form is only for contact information, rooming assignments, nametags and other logistical items. Applicants will not be judged by anything on this form. If you have concerns or would like to request accommodations, please contact us at brandeberrys@missouri.edu.



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Video Essay Instructions

At the conference Youth Delegates participate in Roundtables to explore current issues affecting youth and the role 4-H can play in addressing them. During the conference, youth develop a presentation regarding one of these current issues and discuss their findings and discussions to share with a federal agency’s key decision makers.

Below is the list of topics from 2020 to give you an idea of issues discussed in the past:

- Career Paths
- Civil Discourse
- Cyber Bullying
- Healthy Families
- Natural Resource Preservation
- Next Generation Agriculture
- Optimal Health
- Pressure and Stress
- Privacy
- Science Education
- Transportation and Youth
- Value of Extension Programs
- Volunteerism
- Youth Apprenticeships
- Youth and Opioids

Using your knowledge and experience as a youth and 4-H'er, use your Video Essay to answer the following question: **“What is the biggest issue facing today’s youth and how can 4-H help address this issue?”**

Your Video Essay will be judged on the following criteria:

Criteria	Points Possible
Delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains adequate eye contact • Speaks loudly enough • Avoids words like “uh,” “so,” “you know,” “like,” etc. • Communicates sincerity • Video is free of distracting background noise and images 	20
Content – Issue Identification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and explains issue • Gives personal examples of how topic has affected speaker or their community. 	30
Content – Possible Solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solutions are identified and clearly outlined • Solutions are realistic • Solutions are specific, measurable and have a timeline/deadline 	30
Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conveys message(s) articulately and with clarity • Content is appropriate for the audience • Proper identification of reputable sources that support their claim • Meets time constraints: within 5 minutes. • Purpose of presentation is communicated clearly 	20
Total Points Possible	100