



National 4-H Conference 2026

Missouri Delegate Interest Indicator

DIRECTIONS

If you are interested in serving as a Missouri delegate to the National 4-H Conference in April 2026, please complete the following tasks in January:

- A. Read the [Delegate Handbook](#) which is now available at the [national page](#).

Especially note the behavior standards, schedule, and pre/post event expectations. This is a significant experience and should only be undertaken by youth able to give it the proper time investment.

- B. Compare the event schedule with your life schedule to make sure there are zero conflicts. [Notable Schedule Alert: You will not be permitted to leave the trip early to make it back in time for the start of the State FFA Convention.]
- C. Discuss Travel Logistics and Costs (see page 2) with your guardian(s) to determine if this opportunity is right for you.
- D. Script, design, produce, edit, and publish a three minute or less video that describes your qualifications and interest for this event.

Video Expectations: Briefly introduce yourself, then describe your 4-H qualifications, then why you are interested in the conference overall, and finally your conference challenge question interests and 'why'.

- E. Create a YouTube account (if necessary) and upload the completed video to YouTube as an *unlisted* link.
- F. Be sure you are enrolled as a 4-H member in 4-H Online.

Then submit the following to ttanner@missouri.edu by Friday February 6:

1. Your YouTube video link
2. Your full name, age you will be as of April 15, and 4-H county
3. Note which funding parameter (see next page) applies to your circumstances: "can only attend if I get one of the free spots" vs. "I plan to self-fund the trip" vs. "either option"

Dr. Tanner will confirm email receipt. Videos will be reviewed. The trip chaperones will confirm delegate acceptance (and funding status), alternate status, or denial by February 11. Accepted delegates (and alternates if needed) will have until February 20 to complete the national application and *full* payment (if applicable) processes. Further details will be provided to those selected as delegates. [Be prepared; this is a quick turnaround time due to the federal govt. shutdown that occurred this past fall.]



MISSOURI DELEGATE TRAVEL LOGISTICS and COSTS

All of the travel itinerary notes listed below are subject to change pending circumstances beyond our control; however, the costs should not change.

Official Missouri 4-H Trip Start and Conclusion

You will be responsible for getting yourself to STL airport by approximately 11:15am on Friday April 10, 2026.

Hand-off to chaperone marks the official trip start.

The delegation intends to fly nonstop from there to DCA airport from approximately 1:30pm to 4:30pm local times.

The conference itself is from April 10-15 and is just a few minutes away from the airport.

In returning, the delegation intends to fly nonstop from approximately NOON to 1:30pm local times.

STL airport hand-off back to guardian(s) marks the official trip conclusion.

You will be responsible for self-travel home.

Chaperones

This trip is considered sponsored travel and must have two chaperones.

For this trip both chaperones will be Missouri 4-H employees.

Funding Parameters [read carefully]

Thanks to generous donor support, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will cover the full cost of attendance (from trip start to conclusion) for the two chaperones and two sponsored youth delegates. Required cost recovery fees for the entire delegation are also covered centrally.

In addition, there are two other available delegate spots for youth interested in self-funding the trip. The self-funded rate is \$1800* which includes airfare and baggage fees (one carry on and one checked bag per person only!), DC area transportation, and conference fee/meals/ hotel. Youth will share a hotel room with another delegate but have their own bed.

Not-included Costs for All Youth Participants

- Varies Travel to and from STL airport
- \$20 est. Travel snacks
- \$40 est. Two meals uncovered by the conference itself
- (may be covered if airfare rates come in lower than expected)
- \$60 est. Souvenirs and incidentals of your choosing

*The self-fund option is provided as an extra pathway to highly interested youth. Keep in mind that the 'overhead' of chaperone costs and cost recovery fees are covered centrally, so this self-funded path is already being subsidized by about \$1300 per person.