**4-H BUILDING YOUTH LEADER PROGRAM**

The 4-H Building at the Missouri State Fair showcases youth exhibits and demonstrations and allows fairgoers to participate in the experiential learning approach that is the foundation of the Missouri 4-H program. The 4-H Building Youth Leaders have a unique opportunity to work alongside the 4-H Building Superintendents in providing educational programming at the Missouri State Fair.

ROLE DESCRIPTION

As a 4-H Building Youth Leader, you will be responsible for:

* Planning and facilitating two hands-on learning activities relating to 4-H project areas.
* Assist in planning and hosting a 4-H Family Day during the Missouri State Fair.
* You may also be asked to assist in greeting visitors and answering questions about 4-H.

REQUIRED COMMITMENTS

* Participate in 6 hours of training provided by Missouri 4-H
* Complete 35-40 total hours of work prior to the Missouri State Fair (spread throughout May to July)
* 5 days at the Missouri State Fair (days will run from 8:30 to 5:30 with a break for lunch)
  + Block 1: Thursday, August 12 – Monday, August 16
  + Block 2: Tuesday, August 17 - Sunday, August 22

BENEFITS

* $500 stipend
* 1 meal voucher for each day worked in the 4-H Building
* Mileage reimbursement for days worked in the 4-H Building
* If you are taking a course and would like to use this experience as part of an assignment or for credit hours, we will work with your instructor.

YOUTH QUALIFICATIONS

* Ability to demonstrate good communication, leadership, and organizational skills.
* Willingness to learn, be creative, and bring new ideas to programs hosted in the 4-H Building.
* Currently enrolled as a 4-H member or collegiate 4-H member, between the ages of 14 and 20, in Missouri.
* Able to provide own resources to work remotely before the fair and arrange own transportation and housing during the fair.
* Preferred experience at the Missouri State Fair.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

* Include in your submission:
  + Completed 4-H Building Youth Leader Application
  + Resume
  + References (minimum of 1 personal and 1 professional reference)
* Preferably typed, double spaced, 12-point font. Application should not exceed 3 pages in length.
* Submission should be mailed or emailed to [calvertml@missouri.edu](mailto:calvertml@missouri.edu) by March 1, 2021. Late entries will not be accepted.
  + Maria Calvert

Missouri 4-H

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* If deemed necessary by the 4-H Building Superintendents, interviews may be conducted mid-April.
* Selected youth will be notified via the email provided on their application.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Maria Calvert at [calvertml@missouri.edu](mailto:calvertml@missouri.edu) or 573-882-8835.

**4-H BUILDING YOUTH LEADER APPLICATION**

Due by mail or email to Maria Calvert by March 1, 2021.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

COUNTY OF 4-H ENROLLMENT:

4-H CLUB NAME:

PHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

4-H AGE:

HIGH SCHOOL/POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT:

GRADE LEVEL:

MAJOR/FOCUS AREA (if post-secondary):

NAME OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

CONTACT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

NAME OF 4-H SPECIALIST/EDUCATOR/YPA:

4-H PROJECT INVOLVEMENT:

4-H EVENT INVOLVEMENT:

ASSISTANTSHIP BLOCK AVAILABILITY/PREFERENCE (mark all that apply):

BLOCK 1 (8/12-8/16) BLOCK 2 (8/17-8/22)

1. DESCRIBE HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE FAIR AS A YOUTH LEADER. PROVIDE EXAMPLES OF THE SKILLS THAT YOU POSSESS WHICH WILL BRING A POSITIVE INFLUENCE TO THE PROGRAM.
2. LIST THE ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE HELPED YOU DEVELOP YOUR LEADERSHIP, COMMUNICATION, AND ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS AND TELL HOW THEY HAVE DONE SO.
3. DESCRIBE HOW YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH COUNTY, DISTRICT, AND/OR STATE FAIRS AND THE INFLUENCE THESE EXPERIENCES HAVE HAD ON YOU.
4. DESCRIBE YOUR FUTURE GOALS AND HOW YOU PLAN TO USE THIS EXPERIENCE TO ENHANCE YOUR FUTURE.
5. DESCRIBE WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN OR GAIN AS A RESULT OF THIS ROLE.