

Missouri State 4-H Council Elections

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by a professional committee appointed by the State 4-H Leadership & Civic Engagement Specialist. A separate committee will conduct interviews with potential candidates. The interview committee will be appointed by the State 4-H Leadership & Civic Engagement Educator and consist of current and past State 4-H Council Members who are not eligible for another term. Members of both committees will make slate recommendations to the State 4-H Leadership & Civic Engagement Educator and Specialist who will create the slate. All positions for State 4-H Council will be voted on during State 4-H Congress.

Campaigning

Candidates are expected to campaign for their positions. Campaigning may begin on April 14. Candidates may not speak negatively about any other candidate for State 4-H Council or encourage others to speak negatively about any candidate. Candidates will be allowed to endorse other candidates. (ex. A candidate may encourage youth to vote for themselves and another candidate for the Board of Directors.)

Stop period

All campaign activities must cease starting Saturday, May 23rd. Campaign activities will resume at the start of State 4-H Congress registration.

Campaign presentations

During State 4-H Congress, all candidates will give a presentation. All presentations will be a maximum of 3 minutes in length. Presentations must be submitted for approval by May 15th at 5:00PM to Megan Kershner at mkershner@missouri.edu. Candidates will give their presentation to the entire State 4-H Congress body during an assembly. During Board of Directors candidate presentations, candidates may not mention their county or region. If a candidate rolls down to their Regional Representative slate, they may give their presentation again during a regional meeting. If a candidate would like to give a different presentation during their regional meeting, both presentations must be submitted by 5:00PM on May 15.

State 4-H Congress

Candidates are responsible for completing their State 4-H Congress registration before the deadline. Campaigning will continue during State 4-H Congress. Campaigning at State 4-H

Congress will **only** be allowed outdoors with the following exceptions: candidate presentations, the dorms, and the dining center.

Materials & expenses

Any items distributed while campaigning must remain under \$1 per person and unit. All campaign expenses must remain under a total of \$200. Candidates who receive any physical donations must include those items in their campaign expense report and account for the items within their \$200 limit. All candidates must submit all expenses to Megan Kershner via email no later than 5:00PM on Saturday, May 23rd.

While candidates may pass out materials prior to the stop period, candidates are not allowed to distribute any campaign materials during or after the stop period (including State 4-H Congress).

4-H Personnel

4-H faculty and staff may not endorse specific candidates. Any social media page representing a county or regional 4-H program must represent all candidates equally.

Slate

All applicants deemed fit for office will be on the slate for the Board of Directors. Following the vote for Board of Directors, all candidates who did not receive a Board of Directors office will roll down to their respective Regional Representative slate. At least one candidate from each region must roll down to their respective Regional Representative slate.

Voting

State 4-H Congress delegates may vote for the State 4-H Council. Youth may vote for both the Board of Directors and their region's Regional Representative. All voting will take place through Qualtrics.

Voting for the Board of Directors will be open to all State 4-H Congress delegates. The Board of Directors will be selected by popular vote. Each member will vote for 5 candidates. The candidate with the most votes will be the President, second most votes will be Vice President, the following three will be State Representatives.

Voting for Regional Representatives will be limited to the delegates whose primary club falls within that region. (ex. If a youth lives in the Southwest region, but their primary club is in the West Central region, they will vote for a West Central Regional Representative.) The Regional Representatives will be selected by popular vote.

Candidates must receive at least one vote in order to hold an office.

Ties

In the event of a tie for a Board of Directors position, the current State 4-H Council President will break the tie.

In the event of tie for Regional Representative, the current Regional Representative will break the tie. In the event of the current Regional Representative being on the slate or the position is vacant, the current State 4-H Council President will break the tie.

If there is a conflict of interest with the Regional Representative or President and the candidates who they will tie break, the State 4-H Educator in Leadership & Civic Engagement may appoint another State 4-H Council member to cast a tie breaking vote.

Any violations of these rules may result in the disqualification of a candidate. Violations will be reviewed by the State 4-H Leadership & Civic Engagement Educator, who will determine if the candidate will be issued a warning or disqualified.

Reporting Violations

Violations that occur before May 28 should be reported in writing to Megan Kershner at mkershner@missouri.edu. If a violation occurs during State 4-H Congress, it may be reported to Megan Kershner in person. All violations should be reported as soon as possible.