



North Dakota

4-H Youth Delegate Application and Instructions for Out of State Opportunities

This awards application is for the selection of delegates to the National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Dairy Conference, National 4-H Conference and other opportunities that may be announced. Delegates have the opportunity to participate in the programs and represent the North Dakota 4-H program.

Out-of-state opportunities

The National 4-H Conference is a weeklong program held at the National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Md., in March/April. Its purposes are 1) to involve youth with program development and 2) to strengthen and continue development of 4-H public relations programs. The program also provides opportunities to make new friends and see places of interest in our nation's capital.

The National 4-H Congress is held in November/December. Location may vary, but this year it will be held in Atlanta, Ga. The program provides opportunities for education, cultural enrichment and service learning.

The National 4-H Dairy Conference is held in Madison, Wis., during late September/early October. Participants focus on the dairy industry, and related activities and careers. Delegates must be age 15 at the time of the conference.

Expenses

The North Dakota 4-H Foundation provides partial sponsorships. Delegates will be responsible for some of their expenses.

Applicants must

- Be age 14 to 18 on January 1 of the current year
- Not have been a delegate to the program in which they are applying
- Be able to miss one full week of school and/or work to attend the program
- Have been a participant in 4-H programs
- Be dependable and punctual

If selected, delegates will

- Participate in an orientation and complete preprogram assignments
- Participate fully in the program
- Carry out follow-up responsibilities designated by the program
- Make public appearances for 4-H

Selection process

- August 1 – Applications are due in the North Dakota Center for 4-H Youth Development. They must be postmarked or hand-delivered by August 1.
- A selection team will screen applications. Applicants may be contacted for further information.
- Finalists and alternates will be selected.
- August – Delegates will be notified.

Completing the application

- A word processor may be used to complete the application. Use four pages or fewer for responses.
- Summarize your responses on the application. The application may not have enough space for you to list everything you have done. Select the most meaningful experiences and list them briefly.
- As you complete the application, remember that while participation in 4-H programs, leadership and community are important, the information you can share when you return is equally important.
- In the selection process, your growth in skills, leadership and community involvement are given more consideration than the number of projects completed.
- Awards received are considered only if listed as part of your narrative.
- Return the completed application by August 1 to: 4-H Youth Development, Box 5016, FLC 219, NDSU, Fargo, ND 58105-5016.
- Please attach to your application one letter of recommendation relating to the opportunity for which you are applying.
- Applications received after August 1 will not be considered.

North Dakota 4-H Youth delegate application for out-of-state opportunities

Please check the opportunities for which you are applying:

- National 4-H Conference
- National 4-H Congress
- National 4-H Dairy Conference
- Other _____

Please limit your answers to the space provided or to no more than four pages completed on a word processor. Please type or print in black or blue ink.

Information about you

(Print)

Name _____
Last First Middle

Present address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone () _____ E-mail address _____

Is your age between 14 and 18 as of Jan. 1 (current year)? Yes No

Date of birth ____/____/____

(If selected, you will be asked to provide your Social Security number)

Education

■ Attending school? Yes No

Name of school attending _____

■ If not a student, list the level of schooling completed _____

■ List major school accomplishments _____

■ I have chosen to complete this application because _____

Answer the following within four pages.

4-H Youth Development history

- Choose three 4-H program experiences and describe the most meaningful accomplishments/outcomes of these experiences.
- Describe two significant 4-H experiences that have or will impact your goals.

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- Describe any other significant experience/opportunity that may or may not be from 4-H and has or will impact your goals.

Volunteer leadership history

- Select three experiences where your volunteer involvement has helped you build your leadership skills.
- List the type of leadership (roles, activities, experiences); describe your duties, responsibilities and skills you utilized in each role and the dates involved with each.

Community involvement/service learning history

- Describe two times you were involved in service to others and/or the community. List the type of involvement; describe your duties, responsibilities and skills you applied in each role; list the lessons learned from each; and include the dates involved with each.

If you are selected to attend one of these opportunities, how will you share skills and knowledge you gain with others in your county and throughout North Dakota?

Certification statement

I certify that the information on this application is accurate and complete.

Applicant's signature _____

Date ____/____/____

Parent/guardian's signature _____

Date ____/____/____

Extension agent's signature _____

Date ____/____/____