

APPLICATION FOR OREGON DELEGATION

4-H NATIONAL CONFERENCE

CHEVY CHASE, MD

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Name _____ County _____
Mailing Address _____ _____
Email Address _____
School you Attend _____
Years in 4-H _____ Grade _____ Best # to reach you _____

Members of the Oregon delegation should be in the 10th or 11th grade and at least fifteen years old by January 1, 2012. Applications for National 4-H Conference should be submitted through the county 4-H office. Applications must be in the state 4-H office no later than Oct. 31, 2011. Depending on the number of applicants finalists may have to participate in a phone interview.

Answer the following question on a separate sheet of paper.

Limit answers to no more than three pages (all questions put together). Any format (i.e. narrative, list, combination) can be used. Failure to complete this requirement will result in immediate disqualification.

1. Briefly describe your 4-H career. Describe your involvement in your own words focusing on how you have grown as a result of it. Emphasis should be placed on the most recent activity.
2. Describe what civic engagement means to you?
3. How do you feel this trip would help you, your county, and the state 4-H program?
4. Describe your recent and near future, out of state travel experiences (last 5 years + this year).

No letter of reference is required however the county agent or others familiar with your 4-H career will be contacted as part of the selection process.

About National 4-H Conference

The National 4-H Conference is an annual event headquartered at the 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Events at the conference take place in the greater Washington D.C. area however the bulk of our time is spent at the 4-H Center or the Capital Mall.

National Conference is an opportunity for 4-H members to network and gain ideas from 4-H'ers around the country. Although a wide range of programming may be presented the primary idea behind National 4-H Conference is promoting civic engagement and learning about 4-H programs around the country. At the National 4-H Conference delegates discuss a variety of topics and ideas while visiting sites vital to our country's history and development.

Part of the goal of the National 4-H conference is to expose delegates to a variety of ideas and experiences that may not be available in Oregon. Delegates should have open minds and be ready for learning experiences.

What to Expect

Oregon will most likely send four delegates to the National 4-H Conference in 2012 (depending on funds). It is important to note that this is not an "honorary trip" like National Congress. Delegates should be sincere about sharing what they learn with others in their region and the state of Oregon. Because we cannot send a large delegation and we want the information gained at National Conference to reach all parts of Oregon, geographic region may be a factor in selection.

Most of the costs associated with this trip are covered; however, delegates are expected to contribute \$200 to their registration fee. Check with your county's leaders' association to find out if they assist in covering this expense, most do. Checks are due (made out to the 4-H foundation) by Jan. 17, 2012.

Additional costs include:

- Food on travel days (usually fast/airport food)
- Lunch on Capital Hill Day
- Spending Money

Delegates must arrange their own transportation to and from the Portland airport. Typically we fly out early Saturday morning (usually need to be at the airport between 5-7am) and fly in Thursday night.