

Application
NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE
March 25-30, 2017
National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, MD and Washington D.C. area

Due: December 1, 2016 - midnight

The 3-part application needs to include submission of:

- 1) ____ This page, Part I completed.
- 2) ____ “My 4-H Resume” (or “My 4-H Story”) as outlined in Part 2.
- 3) ____ Responses to two questions as defined in Part 3.

Part 1 - Applicant must submit this page.

Applicant’s Name _____ County _____

Applicant’s Age* as of Sept. 1, 2016 _____ Years in 4-H _____ Grade _____

**Delegates to the National 4-H Conference should be at least age 15 by September 1 of the current 4-H year. Oregon delegates will be invited to be involved with one or more state 4-H committees after attending the National 4-H Conference.*

Address: _____

_____ Town: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant’s E-mail Address: _____

Applicant’s Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name 1: _____ Name 2: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home or Work Phone: _____ Home or Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ E-mail: _____

- No letter of reference is required, however staff or volunteers who are familiar with this applicant may be contacted as part of the final selection process.
- **OPTION:** Finalists may be asked to participate in a 15-minute telephone interview, within 10 days of the application deadline.

Part 2 - Applicant must submit Option A or B.

See details below.

Option A

Forward a copy of your 4-H online resume' (My 4-H Resume'). Only Sections 5 – 10 will be considered for this application. You are welcome to forward only those pages, but if your entire 4-H Resume' is sent, ONLY Sections 5 – 10 will be read and considered.

Option B

Applicant may submit a maximum of 2 pages, titled: "My 4-H Story" describing the applicant's leadership and citizenship involvement in 4-H and outside of 4-H. Include the most current activities first, and provide a summary paragraph about "how I have grown through these experiences."

Part 3 - Applicant must submit response to questions (2-page maximum).

Submit your written answers to these two (2) questions.

- 1, **Civic Engagement is...**: (Describe what civic engagement means or represents to you.)
2. **Who would benefit?** If selected as one of the Oregon delegates to attend *National 4-H Conference*, who would benefit? How would you benefit? How would your community benefit? How would the Oregon 4-H program benefit?

Submit all 3 Parts of this Applications to M. Lesmeister via one of three methods:

E-Mail: Marilyn.lesmeister@oregonstate.edu

FAX: Attn. Marilyn at: 541-737-0999

MAIL: Attn. Marilyn at: 106 Ballard Hall, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331-3608

FOR QUESTIONS: Contact Marilyn Lesmeister's office: 541-737-2794.

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Turn to page 3 for information about the National 4-H Conference, and a delegate's deposit, expenses and responsibilities.

Information
National 4-H Conference
March 25-30, 2017

The *National 4-H Conference* is an annual event held at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Conference events take place in the greater Washington D.C. area where delegates frequently enjoy the brief ‘cherry blossom’ season in Washington, D.C., as well as the Capital Mall, Smithsonian Institute museums, legislative office buildings, and federal agencies.

At the *National 4-H Conference* delegates network with teens from almost every state and US territory. 4-H members will learn about civic engagement, practice leadership skills, experience teamwork, and learn more about US history and government processes. Teen delegates will share their perspectives, creative thinking, and “voices” during presentations to federal agencies.

This is a state sponsored award trip. Oregon selects two to six delegates, depending on scholarship funds available. Oregon delegates will be selected for (a) their interest in civic engagement and citizenship, (b) their ability to represent Oregon 4-H effectively as public speakers and leaders, and (c) representing the broad perspective of Oregon’s counties and 4-H programs.

Most of the costs (registration, travel, lodging, meals) are sponsored by the Oregon 4-H Foundation and Oregon 4-H Youth Development Program.

DELEGATE DEPOSIT due February 15 and TRANSPORTATION

After being selected, each delegate* is responsible to submit a \$200 deposit to reserve their slot on the Oregon delegation. **Deposit is due February 15, 2016.** Check shall be made ***payable to: “Oregon 4-H Foundation”*** with a notation (e.g., *Natl 4-H Conf Deposit for XXX McSmith*). Mail or deliver check to: Marilyn Lesmeister, 106 Ballard Extension Hall, OSU, Corvallis, OR 97331- 3608. *Talk to the County 4-H staff to learn if your County 4-H Association assists 4-H members to pay part of all of the deposit/fees for a national award trip, such as this.

Delegates are responsible for arranging their transportation to (and from) the Portland airport (PDX). Group flight arrangements will be made by the State 4-H Office, and the Oregon delegation will fly together with an adult advisor. The delegation usually departs PDX early Saturday and returns late Thursday.

DELEGATE EXPENSES

Delegates are responsible for the following expenses:

- Luggage fees during air travel (may be up to \$50 each direction to ‘check’ a suitcase)
- Food costs on travel days to and from Washington, D.C.
- Lunch or dinner (\$15 to \$35) on 2 days when entire national delegation visits Capitol Hill
- Personal snacks and gifts from the National 4-H Center and Washington, D.C. area

WHEN DELEGATES ARE BACK IN OREGON

After attending the *National 4-H Conference*, Oregon delegates will (a) plan a brief report about their experience and present it during Oregon 4-H Summer Conference, and (b) be invited to be part of a planning committee for Oregon’s “Experiencing Citizenship” state conference or other Oregon citizenship/civic engagement programs during the 4-H year.