

# Texas 4-H Council – Election of delegates

## *General Information*

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- Texas 4-H Council membership will consist of a total of 30 delegates.
- A maximum of two delegates will be elected from each district in accordance with district by-laws.
- In addition to the elected District representatives, six at-large delegates will be elected by the entire Texas 4-H Program senior level membership during LEAD Academy/Texas 4-H Roundup. These six delegates have no restrictions or quotas regarding district representation.
- Delegates elected to the at-large positions will serve at the state level and will not have district responsibilities. At-large positions will have equal state level rights and privileges as all other positions.
- Minimum age/grade requirements will have to be met by all delegates.
- All delegates must participate in a mandatory Texas 4-H Council Workshop held in the summer to become an official member of Texas 4-H Council.
- Delegates would serve a one-year term on Texas 4-H Council.
- Applications will be accepted for the at-large positions and narrowed to a pool of applicants (approximately 12 or so to complete the speech/impromptu question part of the process) by a selection committee. The selection committee will be made up of the four Texas 4-H Council advisors and three current Texas 4-H Council members.
- Candidates elected at the state level for the at-large position **will not be eligible** for any position at the district level. Candidates not elected during the state level elections **are eligible** to run for a district position **given they meet district eligibility requirements.**
- Social media may be used to promote a candidate. An official photo and statement will be released for each candidate through the Texas 4-H social media platforms. These posts may be shared through individual or group social media platforms. Comments and shared posts made by candidates and/or candidate's followers will be about said candidate only. Individuals and/or county 4-H or Extension social media platforms **MAY NOT** create and/or post their own posts for any candidate. **Negative comments targeted at others will not be tolerated.**
- Social media will not be used until after the official information has been released through Texas 4-H.
- Giveaways, flyers, handouts, posters, custom t-shirts, texting and any other form of campaigning other than the above-mentioned social media method before and/or during LEAD Academy/Texas 4-H Roundup are **not permissible.**



- Violation of the above policies regarding positive social media use and restricted campaigning methods will result in the disqualification of the candidate from the election process. The selection committee and the Texas 4-H Program Leader will have the authority for making decisions regarding the above policies and the decision will be final.
- Candidate speeches will be presented as part of LEAD Academy and voting will be completed using 4HConnect. All registered/enrolled senior age 4-H members will have the opportunity to vote whether-or-not they are participating in LEAD Academy/Texas 4-H Roundup. A live presentation of the candidate speeches is planned for those not attending (subject to technical availability, not responsible for technical difficulties that may occur).

## Process

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*Specific dates will be announced as the applications are released.*

- Early April: Complete and submit a written brief application through 4HConnect outlining leadership experience, letter of recommendation (from anyone who can attest to the applicant's leadership abilities) and a two-minute video in response to a question prompt. Video will be uploaded, and the link must be submitted through the application.
- Late April: Candidate interviews (phone/WebEx) with selection committee
- Early May: Announcement of candidates before LEAD Academy/Texas 4-H Roundup registration closes; Official candidate photos and short individual statements will be posted to Texas 4-H social media sites; Candidates will be required to register for LEAD Academy or Texas 4-H Roundup
- Mid May: Social media information posted
- June: Candidates participate in meet-and-greet during LEAD Academy/Texas 4-H Roundup
- June: Each candidate will present a live speech and answer impromptu questions during LEAD Academy/Texas 4-H Roundup in front of an audience (will live stream so that people not in attendance may view the presentations)
- June: Voting will be conducted through 4HConnect and will open and close at specific times
- June: Election results announced during Texas 4-H Roundup final assembly