

Texas 4-H Council



The Texas 4-H Council is a team of 4-H members elected by their peers from across the state of Texas. Serving as ambassadors for the Texas 4-H program, members represent the organization statewide while collaborating with Extension faculty to plan, coordinate, and facilitate activities and events.



Texas 4-H Council membership is open to all youth, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation or gender identity. Representation may consist of two delegates from each District 4-H Council selected at the District level according to state/district guidelines. Six members will be elected during LEAD Academy as at-large delegates. All delegates will share the same rights and privileges as members of Texas 4-H Council.



Texas 4-H Council membership is conferred after participation and completion of the entire Texas 4-H Council Workshop. If an elected delegate is unable to participate in the entire workshop, they forfeit their space on the Texas 4-H Council to another delegate who can participate in the training. However, they will still retain their elected district office as deemed appropriate by the district by-laws.



There are specific events/activities/meetings that are required of the elected officers. These same activities are encouraged of all members. Dates for the following events are distributed as soon as they are known to the advisors.

- State Fair of Texas Honor Awards; Dallas
- Fall Meeting; Dallas
- Junior Leadership Retreat; Brownwood
- January Planning Meeting; Brownwood
- Texas 4-H Roundup; College Station
- Texas 4-H Congress; Austin



Expectations for Texas 4-H Council members

- Be engaged in regularly scheduled business and planning meetings
- Serve as positive role models for other 4-H members
- Uphold the high ideals, values and standards of the Texas 4-H program
- Work with Extension faculty in planning and conducting District and State events and activities
- Seek opportunities to expand and diversify audiences and programs of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program
- Be committed to the Council and work to fulfill the selected goals and responsibilities
- Be dedicated to personal development while having fun and respecting the differences in others



Texas 4-H Council Membership Requirements

This internal communication document is to be provided annually to all Texas 4-H members in advance of district officer elections for representation on the Texas 4-H Council.

Membership:

1. Texas 4-H Council membership is open to all youth, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation or gender identity. Representation will consist of two delegates from each District 4-H Council selected at the District level according to the state/district guidelines and six at-large delegates elected during LEAD Academy.
2. Council members must:
 - be at least 16 years old and cannot be older than 18 as of August 31, 2019 and
 - be a student in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade for the year of service on Texas 4-H Council.
3. Delegates shall be eligible to attain and hold membership on the Texas 4-H Council for only one year.
4. Texas 4-H Council membership only occurs after participation and completion of the entire Texas 4-H Council Workshop scheduled for July 15-18, 2019 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood. (\$350 registration fee plus travel)

If an elected delegate is unable to participate in the entire workshop, they forfeit their spot on the Texas 4-H Council.

Participation with Texas 4-H Council is an investment in leadership development. However, the investment is not only a time commitment but also requires a monetary investment—about \$1,000. By choosing to participate, you understand the monetary requirements included.

Committed and Dedicated:

The specific events/activities/meetings indicated with a “❖” are required of the six elected officers. Those marked with a “◆” are required of everyone.

- Texas 4-H Council Workshop ◆
- State Fair of Texas Honor Awards ❖
- Fall Meeting ❖
- Junior Leadership Retreat
- January Planning Meeting ❖
- Texas 4-H Roundup / LEAD Academy ◆
- Texas 4-H Congress (held in even years)
Leadership team will be selected for Texas 4-H Congress.
- WebEx Meetings



2019-20

Officers:

Executive Committee

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Secretary
- Public Relations Officer
- Health and Safety Officer

Officer Election Process

Elected at the Texas 4-H Council Workshop

Campaigning is not allowed

Nominations and voting are by ballot

Majority constitutes an election

Candidates in a runoff situation are given a topic and will have two minutes to prepare their thoughts and speak before the group.

I have read and understand this document and commit to a year of service as a Texas 4-H Council member.

4-H Member Signature

Date

County Extension Agent Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

District 4-H Specialist Signature

Date

2019—2020 Texas 4-H Council



The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program provides Texas 4-H Council members a number of opportunities to be ambassadors for the program. Texas 4-H Council members are held to a high standard of excellence which should be demonstrated by their participation in these events and activities.

As listed on the front page, there are opportunities and some requirements that are available for all Texas 4-H Council members beginning July 18, 2019 and ending August 31, 2020. Members should pay close attention to the required events. Officers are held to an even higher set of expectations. Members and officers *NOT* meeting the requirements will be reviewed and could be removed from Texas 4-H Council by the Advisors and the 4-H Program Director.

It is expected that district delegates will also fulfill responsibilities at the County and District levels. Not completing the requirements at those levels has repercussions that follow to the Texas 4-H Council level. Being removed from the position that elevated you to Texas 4-H Council means that you will also be removed from Texas 4-H Council.

Tentative Dates: *Dates may change but expectations do not.*

- ▶ Texas 4-H Council Workshop - July 15-18, 2019 - Texas 4-H Conference Center - \$350 registration + travel
- ▶ Fall Meeting - October 4-8, 2019/*tentative* - Dallas - \$150 approximate expense + travel
- ▶ State Fair of Texas Honor Awards - October 8, 2019 - Dallas - 1 night lodging expense + travel
- ▶ Junior Leadership Retreat - November 8-10, 2019 - Texas 4-H Conference Center - \$150 approximate expense + travel
- ▶ January Planning Meeting - January 3-5, 2020 - Texas 4-H Conference Center - \$150 approximate expense + travel
- ▶ Texas 4-H Roundup/LEAD Academy - June 7-12, 2020 - TAMU, College Station - \$250 approximate expense + travel
- ▶ Texas 4-H Congress - July 10-15, 2020 - Austin - \$350 approximate expense + travel
- ▶ WebEx meetings - dates to be distributed during Workshop - at your computer or mobile device
- ▶ *Other opportunities may/will be offered to members as they are identified throughout the year.*

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

It is most important to communicate ahead of time with advisors if you have a scheduling conflict. We realize you have multiple obligations and we are much more willing to work with you if conflicts are communicated in a professional and timely manner. However, here are some questions we often receive and the answers you will be given.

Q: I have a county show/athletic event (basketball tournament) on the same weekend as the January Planning Meeting/Teen Retreat.

Advisor Answer: Council OFFICERS must attend the entire weekend of the January Planning Meeting/Teen Retreat. All members are expected to attend; however, if individuals cannot it will be handled on a case-by-case basis if it is communicated in advance.

Q: I will be late attending Roundup the day Council is expected to arrive (usually the Sunday prior) because of high school graduation occurring on Sunday afternoon.

Advisor Answer: Please arrive as soon as possible and work with advisors to confirm your schedule.

Q: I will be late attending Roundup the day Council is expected to arrive because of high school graduation parties/project graduations/etc. occurring that weekend.

Advisor Answer: You should arrive as scheduled with the rest of Council or you will not participate with Council.

Q: I will be late attending Roundup the day Council is expected to arrive because I will be practicing with my judging team.

Advisor Answer: You should arrive as scheduled with the rest of Council or you will not participate with Council.

Q: I will be late attending Roundup/Congress the day Council is expected to arrive because I am sick.

Advisor Answer: You will be expected to arrive ASAP after you recover with a doctor's excuse.

Q: Are Council officers automatically selected to hold leadership positions at Texas 4-H Congress (ex. President as Texas Governor)?

Advisor Answer: No; selection for this position is based upon exhibited leadership throughout the year.

Q: What does "removed from Texas 4-H Council" mean?

Advisor Answer: This means that members will not be allowed to participate in events as Texas 4-H Council members. They will also relinquish any leadership roles and responsibilities associated with Texas 4-H Council.

Q: I will be late attending Roundup/Congress the day Council is scheduled to arrive because of (you fill in the blank).

Advisor Answer: Good luck to you with (you fill in the blank). As a Council member you are expected to participate fully in these events; if you cannot, there is no need to register for Roundup/Congress as part of the Leadership Team.