



2026-2027 Wharton County 4-H

County Council Officer Applications

Requirements: 4-H members wishing to be nominated for a county-elected officer on the 4-H Council of Wharton must have served as a 4-H Council of Wharton member for at least one year, attended a majority of the meetings, and be an intermediate or senior 4-H member. Candidates must also complete an officer application form and interview. If a candidate will not be present at the time of the election, they must notify the Extension Office, or they will not be considered for office.

2026 - 2027 Responsibilities of the Wharton 4-H County Council:

- Serve on the Wharton County Youth Advisory Board.
- Attend all meetings. If you are unable to attend all meetings, it is your responsibility to let Laura know and you must let your council officers know that you will be out so your duties can be fulfilled.
- At the meetings, you will be learning the program to conduct that program at your club. All supplies will be provided by the county.
- Complete a Record Book for the 2025-2026 year
- Lead a committee
- Attend county contests and volunteer for organization, set up, tear down and clean up.
- **Must participate in County Round-Up!**
- Attendance at County 4-H Dance
- Attendance to Leadership Lab
- Attendance to County Officer Training, PLC and Council Officer Retreat. Dates are not set yet, *please save the week of July 13-17, 2026.*
- National 4-H Week promotion.
- One Day 4-H promotion
- County 4-H Promotion at Open Houses throughout the county
- Securing new members
- Conduct the county fundraiser and promote it in your club and community.
- Council members must give oral reports to the council of their club activities at each meeting.

Interviews for Officer Candidates will be on the afternoon/evening of April 28, 2026.

Please sign up for a time slot when you submit your application.

Elections will be held at the County Council Meeting on May 12, 2026.

Elections will consist of Popular Vote, Interview Score, and Attendance Points.

If you cannot attend, please notify Laura so that you can submit a campaign speech.



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I understand if I am elected as an officer, it is my responsibility to fulfill the duties of that office.

I have also read and understand the Wharton County 4-H Council By-laws as they apply to my position.

Signatures:

Officer Candidate

Date

As the Parent/Guardian of elected officer, it is my responsibility to ensure that my child follows through with his/her assigned duties.

Parent/Guardian

Date



**Wharton County 4-H Council
Officer “Intent to Run” Form**
Due to CEO by April 10, 2026 @ NOON

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Club: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please mark all the Officer Position(s) you are willing to run for.

(Note to current council officers –DO NOT select the office that you are currently in.)

- President 1st VP 2nd VP 3rd VP Secretary Reporter
 Parliamentarian Health and Safety Officer District Council Officer Delegate

Please select the Wharton County 4-H Council officer positions you have previously held:

- President 1st VP 2nd VP 3rd VP Secretary Treasurer
 Reporter Parliamentarian Health and Safety Officer

**ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE DOCUMENT
AND ATTACH TO THIS APPLICATION.**

1. List your major 4-H Leadership Experiences (include 4-H offices held):
2. List your major 4-H Project Experiences:
3. List your major 4-H Community Service Experiences:
4. What sets you apart from other County Council officer candidates?
5. What do you consider to be the most important trait of an effective leader/officer and why?
6. If you could change one thing about the Wharton County 4-H Program, what would you change and why?

The following must be completed and turned in to the 4-H Office (CEO) by April 10, 2026:

- Intent to Run Form Attachment with responses to Questions Above Responsibilities signature form
 Recordbook (copy of previous years or current years) Interview Sign-Up



Council Delegates and Council Success

The success of your 4-H Council depends largely on how well you fulfill your job as council delegate. Remember that it is an honor to be selected as a delegate; but like all honors, it carries certain responsibilities. Your fellow 4-H'ers expressed their faith and confidence in you when they elected you to be a council delegate. To carry out your responsibilities, you must know your duties well. It is also very important that you know the duties of the officers, because you will work with them in conducting council business.

Will You Be a Good Council Delegate?

- Good delegates are honest, sincere, friendly, and loyal. They give everyone a chance to help and let the members of the local clubs or other county 4-H groups help decide what the council will do.
- Good delegates get things done right and on time. They are proud of their jobs and always try to do their best. They work with their 4-H Leaders to plan and carry out the council programs.
- Delegates to the 4-H Council are representatives, not only of the local club, but also of the entire 4-H organization. Their skills and abilities, standards and ideals, grooming, speech, and even their smiles, represent the best in 4-H'ers and their club programs.
- Council delegates represent 4-H to the people in the community, at school, and at public events like 4-H fundraisers, contests, workshops, and fairs. This representation is one of your most important responsibilities, because to other people you are a 4-H'er all of the time -- not just while you are in a 4-H meeting.
- Serving as a 4-H Council delegate gives you a real opportunity to develop leadership abilities that will be useful in any organization when you become an adult.

Responsibilities of Council Delegates

To be successful, 4-H Council delegates, committees, and members, working under the supervision of leaders, perform many duties.

Some important duties are:

- Keep the council records and give them to the leaders as required.
- Maintain a good spirit and interest in the council and a good relationship with all individuals and groups.
- Help every 4-H'er find a place in the council and an opportunity to contribute.
- Maintain contact with the county Extension Office.

Qualities of Good Council Delegates:

4-H needs council delegates who will:

Serve the council best during the year and not ride on successes of the past.

Work with all 4-H'ers and give everyone an opportunity to participate.

Share leadership with many and thereby give others an opportunity to grow.

Represent the best interests of the council to others.

Be dependable.

Help plan a program that the membership can support wholeheartedly.

Work with the officers, executive committee members, and leaders.

Try their best to make the meetings worthwhile and interesting.