

2020 National 4-H Congress Information and Selection Process

National 4-H Congress will be held Friday, November 27th through Tuesday, December 1st (travel on November 26th) and will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia. National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the National 4-H program. Each year a National Design Team of Extension educators, 4-H youth, and 4-H adult volunteers analyze current youth issues and determine the most effective ways to address them. The program combines a variety of fun and exciting educational, recreational and networking opportunities. The program combines sessions, seminars, discussion groups, and a service learning experience. The nation's most outstanding community leaders, speakers, and educators present the most current and timely information available.

OBJECTIVES:

- To improve the ability of teen 4-H youth to express themselves in written and verbal forms of communication that are necessary and important "life skills" for today and in the future.
- To increase the awareness of the importance of Leadership, Citizenship, and Community Service in 4-H Youth Development.

WHO SHOULD APPLY:

- Youth with significant leadership accomplishments and potential.
- Youth who have demonstrated the ability to perform academically at or above grade level; passing all course work and eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities.
- Youth who possess the maturity to interact with other youth from different regions, cultures, experiences and beliefs.
- Youth in grades 9-12 at time of event, November 27 – December 1, 2020.
- Youth must still be in high school during the time of the trip.
- Any youth participating in a youth development program which Texas A&M AgriLife Extension or Prairie View Cooperative Extension Program is a partner; (including 4-H clubs, short-term groups, school curriculum enrichment and ENP-Y programs).

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications will open on **April 14th** and must be submitted online and certified through 4HCONNECT by **May 8th**. There is not a fee for this application to be completed online. Selection of delegates for possible interview will be made based on the online application and will be announced **May 22nd**.

The online application will contain the following:

- Summary of Major Leadership Roles, Citizenship/Community Service Activities.
- Personal biography of 4-H member's 4-H career and other extracurricular activities.
- Approval of application by County Extension Agent

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INTERVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENT PROCESS:

If interviews are deemed necessary by the selection committee, they will be conducted via Zoom or WebEx platforms. Applicants will be notified and dates/times will be scheduled as appropriate. If interviews are conducted, they will focus on the application submitted online. The applicant will be asked to expound on how they will use the knowledge gained from National 4-H Congress to strengthen the 4-H Program in their county. Past interviews have been conducted by the state coordinator and/or chaperones assigned to go on the trip. The final delegation will be announced via Texas 4-H social media platforms.

TRIP COST:

The delegate's registration fee is \$1,600 which will be paid out in two payments (July 15th and August 12th).

The following items are included in the registration fee:

- Congress Registration (includes most meals)
- Lodging
- Airline Ticket
- States Lunch
- Shirt
- State Photograph
- Trading Pins
- Evening refreshments/snacks
- Ground transportation in Atlanta
- Educational Tour

Not included in the cost:

- Transportation to and from the airport the delegation will be leaving from.
- Spending money for souvenirs.
- Meals during travel to and from Atlanta, GA.

TEXAS TRAVEL AND MEETING LOCATION:

The delegation will travel on Thursday, November 27th, from a centrally located airport and fly to Atlanta, GA. The final schedule and airport will not be determined until the delegation and chaperones are selected. It will be the delegate's responsibility to get to the designated airport.

Travel back to Texas: Tuesday, December 1, 2020

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