

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE SET FOR APRIL 2019

The 2019 National 4-H Conference will be held April 6-11 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Known as the “Secretary’s Conference,” National 4-H Conference is the premier youth development opportunity to engage youth assisting in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. The purpose of this working conference is to solicit input from a diverse cross-section of the Cooperative Extension System to strengthen and expand the 4-H Youth Development Program at local, state and national levels. The conference is administered by 4-H National Headquarters of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the United States Department of Agriculture.

Approximately 250 youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces are expected to attend. New Jersey will be sending a delegation of sixteen 4-H members and two adult chaperones. Teens must be in the 10-12 grades as of September 2018 in order to participate in the 2019 event. 4-H members interested in attending must work well in groups, have good communication skills and be leaders. They should also be interested in making a change in their community and be willing to work on a project upon their return.

Interested 4-H members must complete an application form available from the county 4-H office or on-line at <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/leadership/nat4hconference/>
All applications are due to the county 4-H office by September 25, 2018.

Group and individual interviews will be held on **Saturday, November 17** in Martin Hall of the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences located at 88 Lipman Drive on the Cook Campus in New Brunswick.

August 10, 2018

Dear Teen 4-H Member,

CONSIDER APPLYING FOR THIS SPECIAL AWARD TRIP!

Enclosed is a copy of the National 4-H Conference Application Form. This conference, which focuses on leadership, public awareness and 4-H program development, will take place April 6-11, 2019 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center located in Chevy Chase, Maryland (about 1 mile from Washington, D.C.)

Six delegates are selected to attend from New Jersey each year. 4-H members interested in attending must work well in groups, have good communication skills and be leaders. They should also be interested in making a change in their community and be willing to work on a project upon their return.

I believe you should consider applying for this award trip. The application process is relatively simple and is as follows:

1. Applicants must be enrolled in Grades 10-12 as of September 2018 and between ages 15 and 19 years old (as of January 1, 2019).
2. Your application is due to the county 4-H office by **Tuesday, September 25, 2018**.
3. Interviews for National 4-H Conference candidates will be held on **Saturday, November 17, 10:00 AM-1:30 PM** at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences in Martin Hall located at 88 Lipman Drive on the Cook Campus in New Brunswick. *(There is no makeup date!)*

If you have questions about how to fill out the National 4-H Youth Events Application or any other details involved with the application or selection process (*which is rather competitive*), please contact me at _____.

Sincerely,

County 4-H Agent

Applications must be postmarked or received in the
County 4-H office on or before **Sept. 25, 2018**

New Jersey 4-H Youth Development - National 4-H Conference Application

Please complete the following information, **typed or neatly written**. Include only 4-H experiences except where specified. Record your current 4-H involvement first, followed by any significant previous experiences. Do not add any additional pages to this application. The County 4-H Agent or 4-H Program Associate will attach a cover page and forward it to the State 4-H Office. All correspondence regarding interviews and selections will come from the State 4-H Office. Please submit two copies plus the original.

Name _____ Name for Name Tag _____
(that matches your Photo ID)

4-H County _____

Street Address _____

_____ (Town)

_____ (Zip)

Phone _____ Soc. Sec. #  _____ Grade _____ DOB _____

Number of years in 4-H _____ Gender M _____ F _____ Email _____

Parent(s)/Guardian Name(s) _____

The following must be completed with appropriate signatures in order for this application to be considered for selection:

I have personally prepared this report and believe it to be correct:

Signature of 4-H Member

We have reviewed this report and believe it to be correct:

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of 4-H Leader/Volunteer working with member

Date

Signature of 4-H Agent/Program Associate

Date

4-H CLUB INFORMATION

List all 4-H clubs in which you have been a member, including Prep. Begin with most recent.

Year(s) participated	Club Name(s)	List Project(s)

4-H LEADERSHIP

List all leadership activities such as chairperson, committees, teen leadership, offices held, assistance with 4-H event. *Level of involvement: Cl = Club, C = County, S = State, N = National

Year	Level	Activity	Describe your responsibility

4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE

Type of Community Service	Your responsibility	Effect in community

4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING

List any 4-H presentations you have given noting the level and type. Titles of presentations are not necessary. *Level of involvement: Cl = Club, C = County, S = State, N = National

Year	Level	Type of Presentation (4-H, Emcee, Club Talks, etc.)

4-H PROMOTION

List all ways that you promoted 4-H to the general public, such as presentations to outside groups, exhibits, newspaper articles, radio and television, etc.

Year	Level	Type of Promotion	Describe your involvement

4-H RECOGNITION

List any significant awards and honors you have received – ei: county medals, project awards, special county and state awards.

*Level of involvement: Cl = Club, C = County, S = State, N = National

Year	Level	Award Received	Description

COUNTY 4-H PARTICIPATION

List major county events and activities, number of years you participated and any comments about the event or your participation. Include events and activities such as 4-H Camp, Fashion Revue, Specific Fair Events, Workshops, Herdsmanship, etc.

Year	Event/Activity	Comments

STATE AND NATIONAL 4-H PARTICIPATION

List State and National events and activities, number of years you participated and any comments about the event or your participation. Include events and activities such as South Jersey Teen Conference, State Teen Events, State "Project" Shows and Activities, Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress, etc.

Year	Event/Activity	Comments

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF 4-H

Include community groups, school, religious organizations, etc.

