



South Carolina 4-H Youth Development Program

4-H Presidential Tray Interviews

You should be professionally dressed for your interview. Begin by introducing yourself then give a 3-4 minute presentation on your 4-H experiences.

You should be prepared to answer the following three questions:

- When you become a 4-H alumni, how do you plan to give back to the 4-H program?
- 4-H is the youth development program for the Cooperative Extension Service. Explain how 4-H is related to the Extension Service, and how they both connect to the United States Department of Agriculture.
- What hurdles or roadblocks have you had to overcome in your 4-H career and how have they impacted your life?

Additional questions related to your 4-H experiences and future goals will be asked.

Helpful Interview Tips

The process of being interviewed is very similar to making a sale – you are selling yourself as the best candidate for the program / scholarship. Impress the interviewer with your preparation by knowing:

- Your Product – You are the product. You bring knowledge, skills, energy, accomplishments, and personality. Take an inventory of yourself and make sure the interviewer fully understands your value.
- The Program – Know what you are applying for. This includes researching its history, purpose, and objectives.
- Your Contributions – Based on what you have learned about the program, highlight the skills and capabilities you have that best match the program.

Your interview questions are measured on two factors, content and style.

- Content – The information you provide, add to, or clarify about your skills, experiences and goals. Make the most of each opportunity to describe all the positive things about you, the “product”.
- Style – Your delivery and mannerisms. The interviewer develops perceptions of your personality and skills based on your ability to think on your feet. Organize your thoughts, then speak clearly and confidently. Be careful not to give short, incomplete responses or long, rambling explanations.



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