South Carolina 4-H Youth Development Program
State 4-H Teen Council

PURPOSE:
The purpose of the State 4-H Teen Council is to serve as the leadership team that plans, organizes and implements statewide teen initiatives and events. The State 4-H Events Coordinator serves as the Advisor to this council.

QUALIFICATIONS:
- Regional Representative Applicants must be at least 14 years of age and must remain eligible for the one year term of office.
- Officer applicants must be 15 years of age and must remain eligible for the one year term of office.
- President and Vice President Applicants must have completed at least one year as a member of the State 4-H Teen Council.
- Applicants must have completed a 4-H Senior Leadership or 4-H Ambassador training.
- Applicants must have attended State 4-H Congress at least once. (Application & attendance can occur in same year.)
- Applicants must have a letter of support from their local 4-H Extension Agent.
- Applicants must complete an application and submit it with their 4-H resume and letter of support to the State 4-H office by June 15th.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Council Members will assist with regional and state youth leadership, citizenship, and communications programs and events as needed.
- Regional Representatives will be the liaisons between all 4-H teens within their region and the state 4-H office.
- The Public Relations Coordinator will manage online communication sites, create a scrapbook of teen events, and prepare an online slide show of Council activities.
- The Legislative Liaison will research youth issues facing the South Carolina government for Council to review when planning special initiatives, and make arrangements for 4-H Legislative Day.
- The Secretary will record (and send out within one week) the minutes of all council meetings and prepare an annual summary of Ambassador led regional training’s and other activities.
- The Vice President will assist the President as directed and serve as the Assistant Coordinator for State 4-H Congress.
- The President will serve as the co-coordinator (along with the State 4-H Events Coordinator) for State 4-H Congress. The President will ensure that all members complete their responsibilities.

SELECTION PROCESS:
- Applications (5%) and resumes (25%) will be scored and that scored added to election votes (70%).
- Regional Representatives (2 per region) will be elected by the 4-H teens from their region during the State 4-H Congress. Candidates must lead their region in a teambuilding activity and read a speech at Congress, prior to the election.
- Officers will be selected by a general election of the teens to be held during State 4-H Congress. Campaigning will be allowed during this event. Candidates must teach an assigned workshop and present a campaign speech at Congress, prior to the election.

POLICIES:
- Council Members will be required to attend all council meetings (includes face to face meetings, conference calls, webinars, or other meeting formats) and events (Council Retreat, 4-H Legislative Day, State 4-H Congress, etc.). Only one excused absence will be allowed.
- Council Members are expected to work together as a team, and with appropriate Extension faculty and staff.
- Council Members must read and respond to Council correspondence (email, phone, etc.) within 48 hours (two business days).

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