South Carolina 4-H
STATE TEEN COUNCIL
2019-2020 Application Packet and Guide

2018-2019 South Carolina 4-H State Teen Council
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In 4-H, we see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us. We are America’s largest youth development organization—empowering nearly six million young people across the U.S. with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension—a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing. South Carolina 4-H Youth Development is the youth component of Clemson University Cooperative Extension, fulfilling our land-grant mission by taking research-based knowledge and educational resources to our state’s youth (ages 5-18). Kids complete hands-on projects in areas of health, science, agriculture, and citizenship in a positive environment, where they receive guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles. Youth experience 4-H in every county and parish in the country—through in-school and after-school programs, school and community clubs, and 4-H camps.

Based on their interests and guided by adult mentors, youth develop their own pathways in 4-H. They select from a broad menu of local 4-H programs. There are hands-on and learn-by-doing opportunities for everyone. To find more information on ways you can get involved in South Carolina 4-H in your area, contact your local Cooperative Extension Office:

http://www.clemson.edu/extension/co/index.html.

To receive more information on state-level 4-H opportunities, visit:
http://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/index.html.
South Carolina 4-H believes in the power of our youth. Everyone deserves the opportunity to step out of the crowd and become a leader. Often, youth are missing the skills they need to be a successful leader. These skills are commonly referred to as “soft skills.” Unfortunately, these skills are not emphasized in formal education and opportunities to develop these skills in out-of-class time are becoming more rare. 4-H believes it is our responsibility to empower youth with these soft skills and offer them the experiences for real-world application.

Through leadership programs like the South Carolina 4-H Teen Council Program, youth learn to further enhance their leadership, citizenship and communication skills. (The basics of these skills are taught on the county 4-H level and through other leadership opportunities offered by South Carolina 4-H.) Before applying for a position on the South Carolina 4-H State Teen Council, teens are encouraged to experience other leadership opportunities offered by 4-H including, but not limited to, the following:

- Serve as a club officer and chairman
- Participate in a county leadership/club officer training
- Serve on the County Teen Council
- Attend the State 4-H Ambassador Training and serve as a SC 4-H Ambassador
- Attend South Carolina Junior/Senior Weekend
- Attend the 4-H Pinckney Leadership Program
- Attend South Carolina State 4-H Congress

For more information about other leadership opportunities offered by 4-H, contact your local Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service Office at http://www.clemson.edu/extension/co/index.html.
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.

**Purpose of Council**

**Leadership Roles**

- **Apply to serve as a SC 4-H State Teen Council Public Relations Coordinator, Legislative Liaison, or Secretary**
- **Apply for SC 4-H State Teen Council Regional Representative**
- **Apply for SC 4-H State Teen Council President or Vice President**

**Senior 4-H Members** (ages 14 and older)

- **Apply to serve as a SC 4-H Ambassador**
- **Apply for National 4-H Conference Award Winner**
- **Apply for Pinckney Leadership Program**

**More Opportunities**

- **Attend SC 4-H Legislative Day**
- **Attend 4-H Day at the SC State Fair**
- **Attend Senior Teen Weekend**
- **Attend SC 4-H Congress**
- **Attend SC 4-H Camp**
- **Attend SC 4-H State Fundraiser**

**Awards and Scholarships**

- **Compete in County, Regional & State 4-H Projects & Events**
- **Apply to be a Presidential Tray Winner** (Submit portfolio, resume and application for interview to win award & scholarship)
- **Apply for a Specialized 4-H Ambassador (Healthy Lifestyles, Horse, Science, etc.)**
- **Apply to be a State Winner (Submit portfolio to win National Congress Trip & Scholarships)**
- **Apply to be a Presidential Tray Winner** (Submit portfolio, resume and application for interview to win award & scholarship)
- **Apply to be a SC 4-H State Teen Council Public Relations Coordinator, Legislative Liaison, or Secretary**
PREAMBLE:
The State 4-H Teen Council, comprised of 4-H’ers from ages 14 to 18, represents 4-H’ers from their region and plans state events and other initiatives. The Council shall be a channel of communication among 4-H’ers, extension agents and advisors. The Council shall promote all that is in the best interest of the 4-H members and will encourage leadership, citizenship, and life skills. The goal of the State 4-H Teen Council shall be to promote a positive learning experience.

ARTICLE I: Name and Purpose
Section I. The name of the organization shall be South Carolina State 4-H Teen Council.
Section II. The purpose of the South Carolina State 4-H Teen Council is to serve as the leadership team that plans, organizes and implements statewide teen initiatives and events.

ARTICLE II: Member Qualifications
Section I. Applicants for Regional Representative positions must be at least 14 years of age and remain 4-H eligible for the term of office. Applicants for officer positions must be at least 15 years of age and remain 4-H age eligible for the term of office.
Section II. Applicants for President and Vice President must have completed at least one year as a member of South Carolina State 4-H Teen Council. (Application and completion of year of service may occur in same year.)
Section III. Applicants must have completed the 4-H Ambassador training. This training can be completed during the year the applicant is elected to serve.
Section IV. Applicants must have attended South Carolina State 4-H Congress at least once. (Application and attendance may occur in same year.)
Section V. Applicants must complete an application and submit it with their resume to the State 4-H Office by the deadline stated on the application.
Section VI. The Council Advisor (determined by the State 4-H Office) and any Assistant Advisor shall be ex officio members of the Council. The Assistant Advisor position shall be served by the current South Carolina 4-H State Teen Council President’s 4-H Agent.
ARTICLE III: Meetings

Section I. The schedule of meetings will be drafted by the State 4-H Office and approved by the Council at the first full meeting.

Section II. Meetings may be face-to-face, conference calls, webinars, or other formats.

ARTICLE IV: Appointment and Terms

Section I. Officer applicants will gain votes during a general election of the teens attending (and held during) State 4-H Congress. Officer applicants must present a campaign speech at Congress, prior to the voting.

Section II. Regional Representative applicants (up to 2 per region) will gain votes from the teens from their region attending (and held during) State 4-H Congress. Regional Representative applicants must lead their region in an activity and present a campaign speech at Congress, prior to the voting.

Section III. Election votes will count as 70% of overall Election score. Applications will count for 5% of the overall election score. Applicant resumes will count for 25% of the overall election score. (An impartial party selected by the State 4-H Office will judge resumes.)
ARTICLE V: Roles and Responsibilities

Section I. The President will serve as the co-coordinator (along with the State 4-H Teen Council Advisor) for the State 4-H Congress. The President will ensure that all members complete their responsibilities.

Section II. The Vice President will assist the President as directed and serve as the Assistant Coordinator for the State 4-H Congress.

Section III. The Secretary will record (and send minutes out to council members and advisor within seven days) the minutes of all Council meetings.

Section IV. The Legislative Liaison will research youth issues facing the South Carolina government for Council to review when planning special initiatives and assist the Advisor in making arrangements for 4-H Legislative Day.

Section V. The Public Relations Coordinator will manage online communication sites and prepare an online slide show of Council activities. All work must be pre-approved by the Advisors prior to releasing to the public.

Section VI. Regional Representatives will be the liaisons between all 4-H members within their region and the State 4-H Office.

Section VII. Council Members will assist with regional and state youth leadership, citizenship, and communication programs and events as needed.

Section VIII. Council Members will be required to attend all council meetings (including face-to-face meetings, conference calls, webinars, or other meeting formats) and events. Youth are allowed one excused absence from council meetings/conference calls but not events. The required events include (all dates are tentative):

A. South Carolina State 4-H Teen Council Retreat- TBA (Friday-Sunday, overnight event)
B. South Carolina 4-H Ambassador Training- August 10, 2019 (all day training)
C. Conference Call- September 17, 2019 7:00 PM
D. Conference Call- October 15, 2019 7:00 PM
E. South Carolina 4-H Day at South Carolina State Fair- October 12, 2019 (all day event)
F. Conference Call- November 19, 2019 7:00 PM
G. Conference Call- December 17, 2019 7:00 PM
H. In-person Meeting (Columbia, SC)- January 18, 2020 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
I. South Carolina 4-H Jr. Weekend- February 7-9, 2020 (overnight event)
J. South Carolina 4-H Sr. Teen Weekend- March 6-8, 2020 (overnight event)
K. South Carolina 4-H Legislative Day- March 10, 2020 (all day event)
L. Conference Call- April 21, 2020 7:00 PM
M. Conference Call- May 19, 2020 7:00 PM
N. In-person Meeting- June 15, 2020 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
O. South Carolina 4-H Congress- July 8-11, 2020 (overnight event)

Additional events youth may be asked to attend include:

A. 4-H Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference- September 19-22, 2020
B. Clemson University’s College of Agriculture, Forestry & Life Sciences Tailgate-
   November 9, 2019 (TENTATIVE)
C. South Carolina 4-H State Fundraiser- TBA (all day event)
D. Aim-At-Ag Sporting Clay Tournament
E. National 4-H Summits

Section IX. Council Members are expected to work together as a team, and with appropriate
4-H faculty, staff and volunteers.

Section X. Council Members are expected to read and respond to Council correspondence
(email, phone, etc.) within 48 hours (two business days).

Section XI. Council Members are expected to complete all assignments by stated deadlines.

ARTICLE VI: Resignations and Terminations

Section I. Written resignations (reviewed by the County 4-H Agent) must be received by
the Council Advisor.

Section II. Members may be removed for failure to fulfill Council responsibilities as defined by
the South Carolina 4-H Behavior Agreement and 4-H Code of Conduct (part of the South
Carolina 4-H Membership Form).

ARTICLE VII: Amendments

Section I. These bylaws may be amended when necessary by a two-thirds vote of the full State
4-H Council at any meeting.
Youth interested in applying for South Carolina State 4-H Teen Council must apply online and upload a copy of their 4-H resume as part of the online application process by June 15. For help completing this process, please contact Katie Shaw at berry7@clemson.edu or 803-940-3190. The link for online submission is below:

https://form.jotform.com/90565623901154

NEW!!! All applicants must participate in a pre-election conference call scheduled for June 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm. The conference call phone number will be emailed to applicants prior to the conference call.
Regional Representative Election Process

- Applicants will be introduced at the Opening Assembly of South Carolina 4-H Congress.
- Applicants will give a campaign speech (no longer than 3 minutes) during their regional meeting held during South Carolina 4-H Congress. The topic of the speech is, “Why should you be elected a South Carolina State 4-H Teen Council Regional Representative for your region?”
- Applicants may campaign only during South Carolina 4-H Congress. Campaign rules (below) must be adhered to or risk forfeiture of the position.

Officer Election Process

- Applicants will be introduced at the Opening Assembly of South Carolina 4-H Congress.
- Applicants will prepare and give a campaign speech at a designated assembly during South Carolina 4-H Congress. Speeches should clearly identify the position being sought, why the candidate is interested, and what skills the candidate can bring to the position. Speeches are not to exceed 5 minutes in length. If any visual aids are to be used, they must be approved by the State 4-H Office at least 24 hours before the first morning assembly of South Carolina 4-H Congress.
- Applicants will be required to give a 3-5 minute speech titled “Who I am, and why I would make a good candidate?” at an assigned assembly held during South Carolina 4-H Congress.
- All officer applicants will participate in a panel discussion by answering questions related to serving on the South Carolina 4-H State Teen Council.
- Applicants are expected to campaign for their position during South Carolina 4-H Congress. Campaign rules (below) must be adhered to or candidate will risk forfeiture of the position.

Campaign Rules

- Applicants must make sure that loose campaign materials are not left behind in any of the meeting rooms or auditoriums. (This includes trash from any campaign gifts.)
- Campaign materials may be secured to walls or doors in a manner that does not cause damage.
- Posters may be displayed on an easel. You must provide your own easel.
- Items may be offered to participants (buttons, pins, snacks, etc.). Please be mindful of common food allergies and other allergies.
- Only youth may be involved in campaigning. Adults may help a candidate prepare but may not be involved in public promotion of a candidate to youth.
- Any campaign slogan or tactics that are disrespectful of another candidate (or 4-H in general) by a candidate (or their campaign team) could result in automatic disqualification of the offending candidate.
- Only one campaign poster or flyer per dorm.
- Campaign materials may not exceed $100.
- Campaigning should not begin prior to the application deadline.
Council Dress Code

**Official Dress**

**Females**
- Black skirt or slacks. The skirt is to be no shorter than 3 inches above knee, hemmed evenly across the bottom, and with a slit no higher than 3 inches above the knee. Black dress slacks (no denim) may be business casual.
- White collared shirt (no polo shirts).
- Black dress shoes with a closed heel and toe.
- An official South Carolina State 4-H Teen Council Blazer. Blazer provided by South Carolina 4-H.
- South Carolina 4-H Teen Council nametag should be on right side of blazer at all times. South Carolina 4-H provides nametags.

**Males**
- Black slacks. Black slacks (no denim) may be business casual.
- White collared shirt (no polo shirt).
- Black dress shoes.
- If tie is needed, should be 4-H theme tie given to male council members.
- An official South Carolina State 4-H Teen Council Blazer. Blazer provided by South Carolina 4-H.
- South Carolina 4-H Teen Council nametag should be on right side of blazer at all times. South Carolina 4-H provides nametags.

**Business Casual Dress**

**Females and Males**
- Khaki pants (female may wear a khaki skirt).
- Black dress shoes.
- South Carolina State 4-H Teen Council polo shirt.
## Approximate Expense as Serving as a Council Members

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(This total does not include travel costs) **TOTAL $252.50**

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<td>4-H Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference Registration <em>(President, Vice President, and Secretary can attend at no cost)</em></td>
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(This total does not include travel costs) **TOTAL $335**
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