

## Application

### **NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE**

April 14 - April 19, 2023

Hyatt Regency Crystal City – Arlington, VA

**Application Due: December 1, 2023 by midnight**

#### **The 4-part application includes:**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Part 1 - personal information (this page).
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Part 2 - "My 4-H Resume" (option A or option B)
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Part 3 - responses to three questions
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ Part 4 – two adult references (at least one should be familiar with your 4-H work) and acknowledgement of your application by your County 4-H Agent/Coordinator

#### **PART 1 - Applicant MUST submit this page.**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

(Exactly how it appears on your photo identification card)

Applicant's Age\* as of Sept. 1, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\*Delegates to the *National 4-H Conference* should be at least age 15 by September 1 of the current 4-H year.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Parent/Guardian Information**

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home or Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home or Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of your County 4-H Agent/Coordinator indicating their support for your application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of 4-H Agent/Coordinator

## **PART 2 - Applicant MUST submit one of the following options:**

### Option A

Submit a copy of your 4-H online resume (My 4-H Resume). Only Sections 5 – 10 will be considered for this application but you are welcome to forward the complete Resume. The online forms can be found at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/record-books>.

### Option B

Applicant may submit a maximum of 2 pages, titled: “My 4-H Story” describing the applicant’s leadership and citizenship involvement in and outside of 4-H. Include the most current activities first, and provide a summary paragraph about “how I have grown through these experiences.”

## **PART 3 - Applicant MUST submit response to the following questions below (2-page maximum). *Please use your own words.***

1. **Civic Engagement is...** (Describe what civic engagement means or represents to you.)
2. **Who would benefit?** If selected as one of the Oregon delegates to attend *National 4-H Conference*, who would benefit? How would you benefit? How would your community benefit? How would the Oregon 4-H program benefit?
3. **Paying it forward...** If selected as a delegate you will be expected to share your experience and knowledge learned through various opportunities. Assisting with Oregon Youth Voices in Action (which is modeled after National 4-H Conference) is strongly encouraged as well as other state and local opportunities. Upon your return, what are ways you plan to share this experience?

## **PART 4 – Two Adult References**

- On a separate page please list two adult references that may be contacted on your behalf. Please select at least one individual who is familiar with your 4-H work.
- Include Adult Reference:
  - First and Last Name
  - Phone number (daytime preferred)
  - Email address (if applicable)
  - Affiliation to you (i.e. teacher, 4-H leader, 4-H Agent etc.)
  - Please do not use relatives.
- NOTE: Finalists may be asked to participate in a 15-minute telephone interview as part of the selection process. Applicants will be notified within 2 weeks of the application deadline.

## **Instructions for submission:**

Submit all 4 Parts of this Application **in one document** to *Carole Smith* via one of three methods:

E-Mail: [carole.smith@oregonstate.edu](mailto:carole.smith@oregonstate.edu)

FAX: 541-963-1036 – Attention Carole Smith

MAIL: OSU Extension Union County – Attention Carole Smith  
10507 N McAlister Rd. La Grande, OR 97850

FOR QUESTIONS: Contact Carole Smith at: Office phone: 541-963-1010  
Cell phone: 541-910-1025

**If selected, the following information will be needed. Please complete:**

- Would you like to purchase a National 4-H Conference t-shirt at your own cost (approx. \$15)?

Yes  No

T-shirt Size:  S  M  L  XL  XXL  XXXL

- Are you willing to share your cell phone number with other delegates to plan meetings?

Yes  No

(Turn to page 4 for information about the National 4-H Conference, and a delegate's **DEPOSIT, EXPENSES** and **RESPONSIBILITIES**).

## **General Information**

### **National 4-H Conference - April 14 – 19, 2023**

The *National 4-H Conference* is an annual event held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. The Conference will take place at the hotel conference center and in the greater Washington D.C. area. Delegates will experience the excitement of the Washington, DC area as well as interaction with federal agencies and legislative visits with our national Congressional representatives.

During the *National 4-H Conference* delegates network with teens from almost every state and US territory. 4-H members will learn about civic engagement, practice leadership skills, experience teamwork, and learn more about US history and government processes. Teen delegates will share their perspectives, creative thinking, and “voices” during presentations to federal agencies.

This is a partially state sponsored award trip. Oregon selects two to six delegates, depending on scholarship funds available. Additional qualifying applicants may be selected but will be responsible for funding their own trip.

Oregon delegates will be selected for (a) their interest in civic engagement and citizenship, (b) their ability to represent Oregon 4-H effectively as public speakers and leaders, and (c) representing the broad perspective of Oregon’s counties and 4-H programs.

All applicants selected to serve as Oregon Delegates are asked to pay a small portion of deposit fee for their registration.

#### **DELEGATE DEPOSIT - due February 15th**

After being selected, each delegate is responsible to submit a **\$250** deposit to reserve their slot on the Oregon delegation. **Deposit is due February 15, 2023**. Check shall be made *payable to: “Oregon 4-H Foundation – National 4-H Conference”* with a notation on check – deposit for (*delegate name*).

Mail or deliver check to: Carole Smith, OSU Extension, Union County, 10507 N McAlister Rd. La Grande, OR 97850.

\*Talk to the County 4-H staff to learn if you’re County 4-H Association assists 4-H members to pay part of all of the deposit/fees for a national award trip, such as this.

#### **National 4-H Conference Delegate Duties**

As an official National 4-H Conference Delegate for Oregon, delegates will be asked to (a) plan a brief report about their experience to share at various state and local events, and (b) be invited to be part of a planning committee for Oregon’s “Youth Voices in Action” state conference or other Oregon citizenship/civic engagement programs during the 4-H year.