

## Application

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

March 28 - April 2, 2020

National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, MD and Washington D.C. area

**Application Due: November 15, 2019 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)

#### **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, 2019 \_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

- 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.

**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).**

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.

## **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. \$10)?

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 - March 28 – April 2, 2020**

The *National 4-H Conference* is an annual event held at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Conference events take place in the greater Washington D.C. area where delegates frequently enjoy the brief 'cherry blossom' season in Washington, D.C., as well as the Capital Mall, Smithsonian Institute museums, legislative office buildings, and federal agencies.

At 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 state sponsored award trip. Oregon selects two to six delegates, depending on scholarship funds available. 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.

Most of the costs (registration, travel, lodging & meals) are sponsored by the Oregon 4-H Foundation and Oregon 4-H Youth Development Program.

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

After being selected, each delegate is responsible to submit a **\$200** deposit to reserve their slot on the Oregon delegation. **Deposit is due January 15, 2020**. 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 your 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.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Delegates are responsible for arranging their transportation to (and from) the Portland airport (PDX). Group flight arrangements will be made by the State 4-H Office, and the Oregon delegation will fly together with an adult advisor. The delegation usually departs PDX early Saturday and returns late Thursday.

#### **DELEGATE EXPENSES**

Delegates are responsible for the following expenses:

- Luggage fees during air travel (may be up to \$50 each direction to 'check' a suitcase)
- Food costs on travel days to and from Washington, D.C.
- Lunch or dinner (\$15 to \$35) on 2 days when entire national delegation visits Capitol Hill
- Personal snacks and gifts from the National 4-H Center and Washington, D.C. area
- Cost of additional tours or transportation planned outside of conference events.

#### **WHEN DELEGATES ARE BACK IN OREGON**

After attending the *National 4-H Conference*, 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.