



North Dakota

4-H National Leadership Opportunity

Application Instructions

This awards application is for the selection of delegates to National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference and other opportunities that may be announced. Delegates have the opportunity to participate in these experiences and represent the North Dakota 4-H program.

- National 4-H Conference is a weeklong program held at the National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Md., in March/April. It is a future-focused program that aims to build strong leaders through roundtable discussions, team-building activities, group assemblies and visits with national legislators.
- National 4-H Congress is held in November/December in Atlanta, Ga. The program provides opportunities to learn about community involvement, cultural diversity and service to others.

Expenses

The North Dakota 4-H Foundation provides partial sponsorships. Delegates will be responsible for travel to and from the airport from home, meals to and from the leadership experience location, optional tours and souvenirs they wish to purchase.

Applicants must

- Be age 15 to 18 by Jan. 1 of the year of the event
- Not have been a delegate to the program in which they are applying
- Be able to miss one full week of school and/or work to attend the program
- Have been a participant in the North Dakota 4-H program
- Be dependable and punctual

If selected, delegates will

- Participate in an orientation and complete pre-program assignments
- Check and respond to email and other online information regularly in preparation for the leadership experience
- Participate fully in the program
- Carry out follow-up responsibilities designated by the 4-H program
- Make public appearances for 4-H

Selection process

- Applications must be postmarked, emailed as a PDF with signatures or hand-delivered by Aug. 1. A selection team will screen applications. Applicants may be contacted for further information.
- Applicants who have not been awarded a National 4-H leadership opportunity previously will be given preference. Delegates will be notified in September. Finalists and alternates will be selected.
- **Please note:** Chosen delegates may be required to travel to an airport that is not the closest to

them due to chaperone location and cost restrictions.

Completing the application

- Application must be completed electronically. Limit responses in the “My Experiences” section to a maximum of four pages, single-spaced, 12-point font.
- In the selection process, **your growth in skills, leadership and community involvement** are given more consideration than the number of 4-H projects completed.
- As you complete the application, remember that while participation in 4-H programs, leadership and community are important, the information you can share when you return from the leadership experience is equally important.
- Please do not send a list of your awards. You may include selected awards as part of the “My Experiences” section of the application.
- Please attach to your application one letter of recommendation relating to the opportunity for which you are applying. This letter may be written by a 4-H leader, teacher, administrator, Extension agent, etc. It should not be written by a relative.
- Return the completed application with the “My Experiences” answers and a letter of recommendation by Aug. 1 to
**Center for 4-H Youth Development
219 FLC, Dept. 7280
PO Box 6050
Fargo, ND 58108-6050.**

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This is a fillable form. **Download to complete.**

Please check the opportunities for which you are applying. You may check more than one:

- National 4-H Conference National 4-H Congress Other

Name _____
Last First Middle

Present address _____

City _____ County (enrolled in 4-H) _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____ - _____ - _____ Cellphone _____ - _____ - _____ Cellphone provider _____

Email address _____

Date of birth _____ / _____ / _____ Current age _____
Month Day Year

T-shirt size (unisex adult sizes) S M L XL XXL

Education

Attending school? Yes No Name of school attending: _____

My Experiences: Answer the following bulleted items within four pages. Please use headings to separate your responses.

4-H Experiences

- Please share why you would like to represent North Dakota 4-H as a delegate at this national leadership opportunity.
- Choose three 4-H program experiences. Describe the most meaningful accomplishment/outcomes of these, what you learned and how these experiences have or will impact your goals.

Leadership Experiences

- Select three leadership experiences in which your involvement has helped build your leadership skills. List the type of leadership (roles, activities, experiences); describe your duties, responsibilities and skills you utilized in each role and the dates involved with each.

Community Involvement/Service Learning Experiences

- Describe two times you were involved in volunteer service to others and/or the community. List the type of involvement; describe your duties, responsibilities and skills you applied in each role; list the lessons learned from each; include the dates involved with each.

Sharing Your New 4-H Leadership Experiences in North Dakota

- If you are selected to attend one of these opportunities, how will you share the skills and knowledge you gain with others in your county and throughout North Dakota?
- How will you promote this leadership experience to other 4-H'ers, volunteers and decision makers?

Please think carefully about North Dakota and write two to three sentences for each topic below that you would share with county, state and national decision makers if chosen for this leadership experience.

As a North Dakota 4-H youth leader, when I look at my state:

- I am proud of
- I am concerned about
- I want to start in North Dakota.

Certification statement

I certify that the information in this application is accurate and complete.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

Parent/guardian's signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

Extension agent's signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____