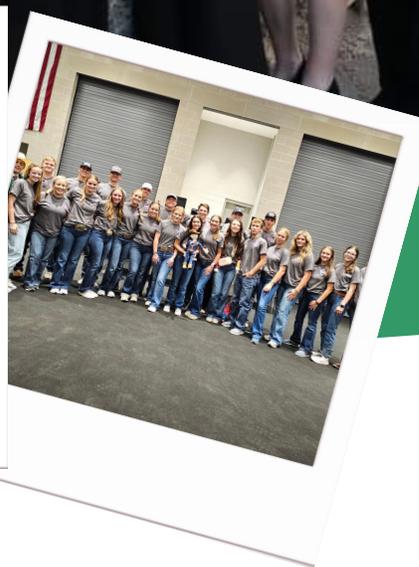




TEXAS 4-H COUNCIL



About

The Texas 4-H Council is a team of 4-H members elected by their peers from across the state of Texas. Serving as ambassadors for the Texas 4-H program, members represent the organization statewide while collaborating with Extension faculty to plan, coordinate, and facilitate activities and events.

Texas 4-H Council membership is open to all youth, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, or gender identity.



Expectations

- Be engaged in regularly scheduled business and planning meetings
- Serve as positive role models for other 4-H members
- Uphold the high ideals, values and standards of the Texas 4-H program
- Work with Extension faculty in planning and conducting District and State events and activities
- Seek opportunities to expand and diversify audiences and programs of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program
- Be committed to the Council and work to fulfill the selected goals and responsibilities
- Be dedicated to personal development while having fun and respecting the differences in others

Texas 4-H Council Membership Contract



SERVING AS A MEMBER OF TEXAS 4-H COUNCIL IS A PRIVILEGE AND HONOR. YOU ARE A PART OF THE HIGHEST LEADERSHIP GROUP OF THE TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WHICH HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE 1950.

- A Texas 4-H Member must be willing to assume the duties and responsibilities that go with the opportunity.
- **Failure to comply with the requirements may result in loss of membership and surrender of any rights to claim such membership on applications, scholarships, or awards.**
- It is expected that district delegates will also fulfill responsibilities at the County and District levels. Not completing the requirements at those levels has repercussions that follow to the Texas 4-H Council level. Being removed from the position that elevated you to Texas 4-H Council means that you will also be removed from Texas 4-H Council.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

1. Participation with Texas 4-H Council is an investment in leadership development. However, the investment is not only a time commitment but also requires a monetary investment—estimated at around \$1,200 for the year. This is dependent upon sponsorships attained by that year's Texas 4-H Council team. By choosing to participate, you understand the monetary requirements included.
2. Texas 4-H Council membership is open to all youth, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
3. Representation will consist of two delegates from each District 4-H Council selected at the District level according to the state/district guidelines and six at-large delegates elected during Texas 4-H Roundup.
4. Must be :
 - be at least 16 years old and cannot be older than 18 as of August 31, 2024 and
 - be a student in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade for the year of service on Texas 4-H Council.
5. Delegates shall be eligible to attain and hold membership on the Texas 4-H Council for only one year.
6. Texas 4-H Council membership only occurs after participation and completion of the **ENTIRE** Texas 4-H Council Workshop scheduled for July 22-25, 2024 in Location TBD.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee is comprised of officers who shall be elected annually. These positions consist of: *President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Public Relations Officer, and Health and Safety Officer.*

- The Executive Committee is elected by the Texas 4-H Council during the July Workshop
- Campaigning is not allowed
- Nominations and voting are by ballot
- Majority constitutes an election
- Candidates in a runoff situation are given a topic and will have two minutes to prepare their thoughts and speak before the group.

COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION:

Members should pay close attention to the required events. The Executive Committee members are held to an even higher set of expectations. **Members and officers NOT meeting the requirements will be reviewed and could be removed from Texas 4-H Council by the Advisors and the 4-H Program Director.**

- ◆ Required by ALL
- ❖ Required by Six Elected Officers
- ✓ Must have enough committed to attend or would not host

Those not serving on the Executive Committee are **STILL EXPECTED** to attend these other events noted below as well. However, exceptions **may be** granted, if communicated in a timely manner (a minimum of one month prior to the event date) of such conflict for another extracurricular event scheduled the same time. **If you are not able to commit to attending more than the required July Workshop and Texas 4-H Roundup which are required by everyone to maintain membership on Texas 4-H Council, you should not apply.** You are committing to participation in a minimal of 3 of 5 events noted below. Two of which are mandatory for all. **Failure to comply with the requirements may result in loss of membership and surrender of any rights to claim such membership on applications, scholarships, or awards.**

- ◆ July 22-25, 2024 – **Texas 4-H Council Workshop** – Corpus Christi, TX
- ❖ October 7-9, 2024 (Dates set by State Fair of Texas) - **State Fair of Texas Honor Awards -- Fall Planning Meeting** - Dallas, TX
- ✓ November 8-10, 2024 - **Spark** – Brownwood, TX

Additional dates continued the next page...

❖ January 3-5, 2025 – **January Planning Meeting** - Brownwood, TX or College Station, TX TBD

◆ June 1-5, 2025 – **Texas 4-H Roundup** – College Station, TX

Monthly Online Conference Calls (dates to be distributed during Workshop)

Other opportunities may/will be offered to members as they are identified throughout the year.

Texas 4-H Congress – NOT A CONGRESS YEAR IN 2025 – Austin, TX. Texas 4-H Council members **ARE NOT** automatically selected to serve in Leadership roles for this event. Texas 4-H Council members will be invited to submit an application, along with other Texas 4-H Leadership groups, to be considered for a leadership role with Texas 4-H Congress.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

It is most important to communicate ahead of time with advisors if you have a scheduling conflict. **As noted above, Texas 4-H Council members are expected to attend the scheduled events during their term.** We realize you have multiple obligations, and we are much more willing to work with you if conflicts are communicated in a professional and timely manner. However, here are some questions we often receive and the answers you will be given.

Q: I have a county show/athletic event (basketball tournament) on the same weekend as the January Planning Meeting.

Advisor Answer: Council OFFICERS must attend the entire weekend of the January Planning Meeting. All members are expected to attend; however, if individuals cannot, it will be handled on a case-by-case basis if it is communicated in advance.

Q: I will be late attending Roundup the day Council is expected to arrive (usually the Sunday prior) because of high school graduation occurring on Sunday afternoon.

Advisor Answer: Please arrive as soon as possible and work with advisors to confirm your schedule.

Q: I will be late attending Roundup the day Council is expected to arrive because of high school graduation parties/project graduations/etc. occurring that weekend.

Advisor Answer: You should arrive as scheduled with the rest of Council or you will not participate with Council.

Q: I will be late attending Roundup the day Council is expected to arrive because I will be practicing with my judging team.

Advisor Answer: You should arrive as scheduled with the rest of Council or you will not participate with Council.

Q: I will be late attending Roundup the day Council is expected to arrive because I am sick.

Advisor Answer: You will be expected to arrive ASAP after you recover with a doctor's excuse.

Q: What does "removed from Texas 4-H Council" mean?

Advisor Answer: This means that members will not be allowed to participate in events as Texas 4-H Council members. They will also relinquish any leadership roles and responsibilities associated with Texas 4-H Council and may not use membership on this elite group as part of any application or nomination.

Q: I will be late attending Roundup the day Council is scheduled to arrive because of (you fill in the blank).

Advisor Answer: Good luck to you with (you fill in the blank). As a Council member you are expected to participate fully in these events; if you cannot, there is no need to register for Roundup as part of the Leadership Team.

I have read and understand the requirements and expectations of serving as a Texas 4-H Council member. By signing this contract, I am committed to a year of service and understand that if I do not fulfill my commitment, I will be subject to removal as a Texas 4-H Council member.

Texas 4-H Member Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

County Extension Agent Signature

Date

District 4-H Specialist Signature

Date