

## 2023 NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS INFORMATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

National 4-H Congress will be held Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia. National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the National 4-H program. Each year a National Design Team of Extension educators, 4-H youth, and 4-H adult volunteers analyze current youth issues and determine the most effective ways to address them. The program combines a variety of fun and exciting educational, recreational, and networking opportunities. The program combines sessions, seminars, discussion groups, and a service-learning experience. The nation's most outstanding community leaders, speakers, and educators present the most current and timely information available.

### OBJECTIVES:

- To improve the ability of teen 4-H youth to express themselves in written and verbal forms of communication that are necessary and important "life skills" for today and in the future.
- To increase the awareness of the importance of Leadership, Citizenship, and Community Service in 4-H Youth Development.

### WHO SHOULD APPLY:

- Youth with significant leadership accomplishments and potential.
- Youth who have demonstrated the ability to perform academically at or above grade level; passing all course work and eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities.
- Youth who possess the maturity to interact with other youth from different regions, cultures, experiences, and beliefs.
- Youth in grades 9-12 at time of event, November 24-28, 2023.
- Youth must still be in high school during the time of the trip.
- Any youth participating in a youth development program which Texas A&M AgriLife Extension or Prairie View Cooperative Extension Program is a partner; (including 4-H clubs, short-term groups, school curriculum enrichment and ENP-Y programs).

### APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications will open on **May 24th** and must be submitted online and certified through 4HOnline by **Tuesday, June 13, 2023**. There is not a fee for this application to be completed online.

The online application will contain the following:

- Summary of Major Leadership Roles, Citizenship/Community Service Activities.
- Personal biography of 4-H member's 4-H career and other extracurricular activities.
- Approval of application by County Extension Agent

### ANNOUNCEMENT PROCESS:

The final delegation will be announced in late June. Youth will receive an email and will be announced on social media.

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**TRIP COST:**

The delegate's registration fee will be between \$1,800-2,200 which will be paid out in two payments (July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>).

**The following items are included in the registration fee:**

- Congress Registration (includes most meals)
- Lodging
- Airline Ticket
- States Lunch
- Shirt
- State Photograph
- Trading Pins
- Evening refreshments/snacks
- Ground transportation in Atlanta
- Educational Tour

**Not included in the cost:**

- Transportation to and from the airport the delegation will be leaving from.
- Spending money for souvenirs and meals during travel to and from Atlanta, GA.
- Some Breakfasts/Lunches while in Atlanta, GA.

**TEXAS TRAVEL AND MEETING LOCATION:**

The delegation will travel on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thanksgiving Day), from a centrally located airport and fly to Atlanta, GA. Final schedule and airports will not be determined until the delegation and chaperones are selected. It will be the delegate's responsibility to get to the designated airport. All efforts will be made to coordinate connecting flights where possible.

Tentative Travel End Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2023

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