

Texas 4-H Council Membership Requirements

This internal communication document is to be provided annually to all Texas 4-H members in advance of district officer elections for representation on the Texas 4-H Council.

1. Texas 4-H Council membership is open to all youth, irrespective of race, color, disability, sex, religion, or national origin. Representation may consist of three delegates from each District 4-H Council selected at the District level according to state/district guidelines. One of the delegates should represent a diverse population.
2. Council members must:
 - reach their 16th birthday and
 - must not have reached their 19th birthday on or before August 31st of the calendar year in which they are installed on the Texas 4-H Council.
3. Delegates shall be eligible to attain and hold membership on the Texas 4-H Council for only one year.
4. Texas 4-H Council membership only occurs after participation and completion of the entire Texas 4-H Council Workshop scheduled for **July 27-30, 2015 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood.** (\$300 approximate registration fee plus travel) **If an elected district delegate is unable to participate in the entire workshop, they forfeit their space on the Texas 4-H Council to another District delegate.** They will still retain their elected district office.
5. There are specific events/activities/meetings that are required of the (6) elected officers (President; 1st VP; 2nd VP; Secretary; Public Relations; Health and Safety) and encouraged for all members: *(some dates are tentative and subject to change)*
 - State Fair of Texas Honor Awards (**October 6, 2015 /tentative/ – Dallas**) -1 night lodging expense
 - Fall Meeting (**October 16-18, 2015 – TX 4-H Conference Center**) -registration cost at Center
 - Junior Leadership Retreat (**November 13-15, 2015 –TX 4-H Conference Center**) -registration cost at Center
 - January Planning Meeting (**January 8-10, 2016 –TX 4-H Conference Center**) -registration cost at Center
 - Texas 4-H Roundup (**June 4-10, 2016 –College Station**) -registration, meals and lodging
 - Texas 4-H Congress (**July 15-20, 2016 –Austin**) -registration, meals and lodging
 - Web Meetings (dates to be distributed during Workshop)
6. **Officer Positions:**
 - Executive Committee**
 - President
 - First Vice-President
 - Second Vice-President
 - Secretary
 - Public Relations Officer
 - Health and Safety Officer
7. **Officer Election Process:**
 - Officers shall be elected at the Texas 4-H Council Workshop.
 - Officer campaigning is not allowed.
 - Nominations are by ballot.
 - A majority constitutes an election.
 - Candidates are given a topic and have two minutes to prepare their thoughts and speak before the group.



I have read and understand this document and a copy of the Texas 4-H Council Standing Rules.

4-H Member Signature

Date

County Extension Agent Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

District 4-H Specialist Signature

Date