



NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

Information Sheet

OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM:

National 4-H Conference is an opportunity for 4-H members from the 50 states plus Puerto Rico and Canada to participate in decision-making sessions and public relations forums. 4-H'ers are not only involved in working conferences, but have an opportunity to sightsee in Washington, D.C., and share concerns on a one-on-one basis with the Arkansas congressional delegation. National 4-H Conference is held at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C.

EVENT DATES:

Usually held in late March or early April.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age by January 1 of the current calendar year, and not have had their 19th birthday by January 1 of next year.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Each county may nominate one 4-H member. A committee will review the applications and make the selections. Interviews may be conducted to determine final selection. Up to five 4-H members will be selected to represent Arkansas. Consideration will be given to those youth who:

1. Have experience in local, county, area and/or state developmental committees, advisory groups, councils, etc.
2. Are willing and able to work prior to Conference in collecting facts, ideas, etc., of local people regarding concerns of youth and possible action.
3. Have "time ahead" to make significant contributions in their communities within the next two years.
4. Are flexible as individuals who meet differing situations, have growth potential and a curiosity about situations, people and events.
5. Have an evident capacity to cope with ambiguity; concerned about issues involved, and in deciding to solve the problems and get on with business.
6. Possess strong interpersonal skills.
7. Have good energy levels, capable of participating fully in an active and demanding program involving long hours.

APPLICATIONS AND DUE DATE:

4-H'ers must complete Arkansas 4-H Activity Application for Leadership Roles (FY4H-657). Applications are due in state 4-H Youth Development Office on October 1.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Delegates travel by air to participate in this conference. The delegation departs from the Little Rock Airport and flies into National Airport in Washington, D.C.

PROGRAM COSTS:

Most of the cost will be paid by extension. The remaining cost must be paid by the delegate.