



Montana 4-H Application for Youth Leadership Opportunities

The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development is recruiting energetic, involved 4-H members to serve on two different governing bodies: (1) the Montana 4-H Council and (2) the Montana 4-H Foundation. This single application can be used for any of these positions, and you should indicate which boards you wish to be considered by checking the appropriate boxes.

Applicant Requirements for serving on the Council:

- You must be at least 14 years of age at the beginning of the 4-H year (October 1).
- You must not have served as a state 4-H ambassador officer. (Being selected to a youth leadership position doesn't prevent you from running for a State Ambassador Officer position in the future).
- You must have been involved in the Montana 4-H program for at least 3 years.
- You must be willing to serve either a 1-year term or a 2-year term depending on position availability.
- You must be willing to actively participate in all meetings—both virtual and real time.
- You must have the approval of your county agent.

Applicant Requirements for serving on the Foundation:

- Must be at least 15 years of age and not older than 18 years of age.
- Not currently serving as a Montana 4-H State ambassador officer nor on the Montana 4-H Council.
- Must be a 4-H member in their home county for at least three consecutive years.
- Must be a current member of a Montana 4-H program (club or county).
- Each teen director shall serve a one-year term.
- You must have the approval of your county agent.

Below are short descriptions of each governing body and the leadership opportunities available.

Montana 4-H Council

The Montana 4-H Council provides guidance to the Montana 4-H program and is advisory to the 4-H Center for Youth Development. The Council consists of two adult volunteer leaders from each of the eight 4-H districts in the state as well as four additional youth, two of whom are selected as “at large” members of the council. The Council is looking for applicants who are full of ideas for helping to promote and support 4-H programs, willing to provide a youth voice to the 4-H Council, and ready to help promote leadership training for both youth and adult leaders. The Council meets four times a year either in person or conference all.

If you are interested in serving on the Montana 4-H Council, please complete the following application form. Be sure to have it sent electronically by your county agent who works with the 4-H program. This will signify his/her approval of your involvement. Your agent should submit your application electronically to: mt4h@montana.edu

Montana 4-H Foundation

The Montana 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees serves to raise private funds to support the Montana 4-H program. More specifically, the 4-H Foundation assists with the financial support of the Montana 4-H program for members, volunteer leaders and Extension staff. Trustees provide oversight to the Foundation’s financial resources.

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Priority Consideration will be given to applications that are received by
September 1 by 5:00 PM.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

Email _____ Birthdate (DD/MM/year): _____

Years in 4-H _____ Grade in School _____

County _____

Which positions would you like to be considered for? (Check all that apply)

_____ Montana 4-H Council

_____ Montana 4-H Foundation

Please answer the four following questions.

1. Tell us why you would like to serve in a youth leadership position on one of these governing boards.

2. Describe some of your previous experiences in 4-H that have prepared you to serve in these kinds of leadership positions.

3. What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing 4-H in Montana?

4. Describe a situation where you were involved in resolving an issue or problem, and tell us what role you played in developing consensus or a resolution.

When submitting your application, please have it sent electronically by your County Extension Agent to mt4h@montana.edu or 4hfdn@montana.edu. This process will signify their approval of your involvement should you be selected for one of these leadership positions.

Some expenses for serving on these boards may be covered by the boards themselves.