# National 4-H Dairy Conference

**Who:** 4-H youth who:
- Have completed 10th grade (15 years old)
- Have completed three years in the 4-H dairy project.
- Have not previously attended the Conference
- Have provided significant leadership in the dairy project at the local level

**What:** National 4-H Dairy Conference is a leadership conference for 4-H dairy project members held in conjunction with World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. The intended outcomes are to promote and sponsor an educational program which will provide a better understanding on the operations involved in the production, processing, marketing, and use of dairy products, as well as related areas. It offers a means by which various individuals and groups interested in the dairy industry and youth can cooperate to achieve educational objectives based on the developmental needs of youth. The Conference allows youth to increase understanding of the dairy industry, learn about vocational and professional career opportunities, and practice good citizenship and group participation.

**Where:** University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin

**When:** September 30-October 5, 2018

**Cost:** The trip is sponsored by individual sponsors secured by the Center for 4-H Youth Development. 4-Hers are asked to pay a non-refundable deposit when they accept the invitation to participate ($300).

**Additional Information**: Participants are selected through an application process.

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Youth can not be a member of the judging team competing at Madison.

***2018 National 4-H Dairy Conference Application***

Name:

Birth date:

Age as of January 1, 2018:

**(Note: You must be at least 15 but not more than 18 years of age as of January 1, 2018 to be considered for this conference)**

County:

Mailing Address:

Telephone Number: (  )

Email:

Name and telephone number of your 4-H Educator:

Please answer the following six questions fully and in your own words. You may attach additional pages.

1. Are you enrolled as a 4-H member in Massachusetts? Yes  No

2. How many years have you participated in dairy youth activities?

3. List all of the dairy and dairy youth activities in which you have participated.

4. Describe what you think the dairy industry in Massachusetts will be like in 10 years.

5. Describe your future educational and career plans.

6. Why would you like to be selected to attend the National Dairy Youth Conference?

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Selection Procedure: Written applications will be reviewed. Final selection will be made from those chosen for an interview.

Please return to: MA 4-H Program, Attn: Carrie Chickering-Sears, 101 University Drive, Suite A4, Amherst, MA 01002 by March 15, 2018