

Application Process for National 4-H Trips

Application packet is due May 1, 2019

National 4-H Congress, November 29th – December 3rd, 2019 in Atlanta Georgia

National 4-H Congress has served as the flagship event of the 4-H program for over 90 years. Congress provides youth ages 15-18 a quality educational and cross-cultural experience that exceeds what any state independently provides. It is designed to address the needs and issues of youth while helping to develop capable, competent and caring citizens. **For more information** visit www.national4-hcongress.com.

National 4-H Conference March 28th -April 12th , 2020 in Chevy Chase, Maryland

National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth ages 15-18 in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. The conference is housed at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Delegates take part in field trips, recreational opportunities and Congressional visits in Washington D.C. **For more information** about this program, go to <http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference>

To apply, you must submit a resume packet to: Kim Pond, Massachusetts 4-H Program, 120 Stafford St. Suite 201 St., Worcester, MA 01609 postmarked no later than **May 1, 2019**. (You may also submit electronically at mass4hteens@gmail.com.) Each delegate is expected to contribute \$200 toward the cost of the experience: all remaining costs are paid by the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation. **NEW**- Now you can apply for both with just one application by indicating which trip(s) you want to be considered for in your cover letter. All efforts will be made to provide youth who qualify the opportunity to represent Massachusetts at one or both as space allows.

That packet must include (single sided only with a font size of 12 point or larger):

- A cover letter
- A resume (1 page preferred, 2 pages maximum)
- A 4-H Story (double spaced, 5 page maximum)
- A completed 4-H Experience Sheet - Answer these 4 questions on a separate sheet of paper
 1. Briefly describe the leadership experiences that you have had in the 4-H program and through other organizations/school.
 2. Why do you feel it is important to develop communication skills?
 3. How will you apply your leadership experiences/skills to benefit the 4-H program in the next 2 years?
 4. Discuss any Community Service work that you have done and how it has impacted you and/or your community.
- Two written references (1 from a 4-H affiliated person, 1 from non-4-H: these cannot be relatives).

In addition, you may include up to 5 pages of supplemental materials presented in a professional manner.

Please avoid duplicating materials: Resumes are a great way to categorize your work by skills and listing awards, but is meant to be a short synopsis of your 4-H activities and accomplishments. Your 4-H story and 4-H Experience Sheet is a way to let the judges know how your projects and experiences have had an impact on you or elaborate on your experiences in more detail.

For additional information about the cover letter and resume, see the information under Resume Guidelines, found in the Communications Program section of the website. - Sept 2018



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