

Washington, D.C. March 9-12, 2023

The National Youth Summit Series is in its eleventh year and brings together some of the best and brightest students to focus on the 4-H STEM Pillars. Designed for high school students in grades 9 – 12, the 2023 IGNITE Combo Summit provides opportunities to learn technical skills, participate in hands-on activities, workshops and learn from leaders in the field. **For more information** about this program, go to <https://4-h.org/parents/ignite-national-4-h-youth-summit/>

Applicants must submit their application by Friday, January 6th. Interviews will start on Friday, January 13th. Submission must by email to: Carrie Chickering-Sears ccsears@umass.edu

Expectations:

- Must be 14 years or older and a currently enrolled 4-H member
- Obtain school permission to miss two days of school (March 9 & 10, 2023)? Time for travel
- Contribute \$350 toward the cost of the trip (Contact your local 4-H Educator for funding sources, ie. advisory councils, or fair board advisories).
- Participate in conference calls
- Commit to helping at two events in the coming year with Massachusetts 4-H:
 - ✿ Lead or co-teach a workshop at Winter Forum
 - ✿ Lead or-co-teach an activity at Explore UMass Program at UMass
 - ✿ Plan activity and work at MA 4-H Animal Academies
 - ✿ Conduct an activity at a Massachusetts fair or agricultural event
 - ✿ Conduct an activity at an ag business such as Tractor Supply

Application (must include):

- ✿ Answer the following questions:
 1. Describe your experience in communications and leadership.
 2. Describe your outreach efforts in promoting 4-H within the Commonwealth
*Highlight if around one of the tracks of AgriScience, STEM or Healthy Living.
 3. After visiting the Program Schedule what opportunities do you see for incorporating some of the trainings into the Massachusetts 4-H program?
- ✿ Include one Letter of Recommendation

In addition, you may include supplemental materials such as:

- ✿ Resume
- ✿ Summary Sheet from 4-H records
- ✿ Photos

All materials must be presented in a professional manner; clean, neat and typed.

For more information contact: Kim Pond or Carrie Chickering-Sears
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