

Washington, D.C. March 13-17, 2024

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: <https://4-h.org/events/ignite-by-4-h/>

Applicants must submit their application by Tuesday, October 31st. Link to Application:
<https://forms.gle/A8tn2UfRMn9mbaDBA> **Interviews will start on Monday, December 4th.**

Expectations:

- Must be in High School and a currently enrolled 4-H member
- Obtain school permission to miss three days of school (March 13-15, 2024)
- 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 a Winter Forum or County Event
 - ✿ 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 includes the following questions: (You can write out ahead so give them some thought before you begin.)

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. What opportunities do you see for incorporating the workshops and learning back into the Massachusetts 4-H program?

- ✿ Letter of Recommendation: (Have mailed to Kim Pond, UMass Extension 4-HYDP, 7 Midstate Drive Suite 102, Auburn MA)

In addition, you may include supplemental materials such as: (Gather and put in one PDF file of up to 3 pages)

- ✿ 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 kima@umass.edu



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