

# *NEW MEXICO STATE 4-H COUNCIL OFFICER PROGRAM*

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## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Any **mature, devoted** New Mexico senior 4-H'er, who will remain an eligible 4-H member during the year of service, being July 2017 through July 2018.

The 4-H member must be a New Mexico resident during the year of service.

A State 4-H Council Officer cannot simultaneously serve as an Ambassador or Diplomat

**The candidate must be an active 4-H member in good standing with his or her club and council.**

The Member must have attended one of the following state wide 4-H events in order to run. (State 4-H Conference, Youth Get-Away, Senior Leadership Retreat)

## **Financial Obligations**

A State 4-H Council Officer must contribute a total of **\$550** to the team account. A request can be made to the County 4-H Council for up to \$275, however the council is not required to contribute. Other donors can also be asked to contribute to the team fee.

**Applicants must secure financial support from the county council prior to applying.**

If financial support exceeds county 4-H council's financial capabilities, the county council, under the direction of the county extension agents responsible for 4-H, may develop a county level candidate selection process to reduce the number of applicants being submitted to the State 4-H Office.

In addition, State 4-H Council Officers have the option to purchase and/or construct a distinctive dress uniform (see memo online for additional expenses), as well as official dress.

# **TIME REQUIRED FOR LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS**

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Once chosen as a State 4-H Officer, there will be specific events required to attend. **Dates are tentative and may change after discussion at planning meetings.** Once elected to an office, there will be specific times when you are required to be present.

- July 12, 2018 – State Fair Float Planning - Las Cruces, NM
- September 7-9, 2018 - Leadership team training - Albuquerque, NM.
- Preparations for parade and initial planning of Youth Get-Away and Senior Leadership Retreat.
- September 10-14, 2018 - Albuquerque, NM.
- Assist with different volunteer duties throughout the week.
- (This is not mandatory unless you are showing or can miss the **whole** week of school with permission from your parents and teachers.)
- November 2018 - Leadership team training - Las Cruces, NM (Date determined at State Fair meeting.)
- January/February 2019- Leadership team training –Albuquerque, NM. (Date determined at November meeting.)
- April/May, 2019 – State Conference Planning Meeting – Ruidoso, NM (Date and location determined at January/February meeting)
- April 18-21, 2019 – Youth Get-Away – Location and confirmed date to be determined.
- June TBA, 2019 – Team Trip – Colorado 4-H State Conference
- June, 2019- Prop building for State 4-H Conference (if needed)
- June/July 2019 - Workshops at district contests if invited.
- July 5-7, 2019 - pre-conference preparation - Las Cruces, NM
- July 8-11, 2019 - State 4-H Conference - Las Cruces, NM.

**Failure to fulfill expectations or less than desirable behavior at the local, county, or state level may result in termination of the services of an officer. It is recommended that if a candidate has a Web page, Facebook account, or similar account that the candidates monitor what is posted on their page in order to ensure that the content of material posted and available for viewing by the public is not inconsistent with the candidates' duty to serve as a positive role model.**

If a State 4-H Council Officer is of high school age, he/she is expected to remain in good academic standing with his/her school while serving in that capacity. Due to absences involved, candidates must be able to maintain good grades and positive relationships with school administrators and instructors.

# JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

Seven senior 4-H members will be designated as State 4-H Council Officers. State 4-H Council Officer roles are:

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## REPONSIBILITIES

### Youth Get-Away Leadership Retreat responsibilities

- Serve novice and junior age 4-H audience.
- Plan and conduct sessions.
- Plan and conduct a community service activity.
- Present a Team Report.
- Conduct workshops.

### State 4-H Conference responsibilities

- Conduct a workshop as a team.
- Conduct business sessions
- Host a dance.
- Assist with operation of contests and workshops.
- Assist with the community service activity.
- In conjunction with Ambassador and Diplomats, conduct awards.

Be able to speak at county programs and to groups when invited.

Assist with junior livestock program, educational displays, parade, and receptions at state fair.

Assist Ambassadors and Diplomats with assignments when invited and funded.

Participate in planning and implementing fundraising activities and events.

Will still perform the role of State 4-H Council Officer after their term is complete upon request of the State 4-H Office or a particular county

Assist with New Mexico 4-H Youth Foundation in donor contacts and public relations.

Provide training and support to county council officers.

Greet and interact with foundation members and donors at State 4-H Conference.

Teach workshops as requested at district contests.

Represent New Mexico at a fellow states event.

State 4-H Council Officers are permitted to participate in one competitive event during State 4-H Conference if it does not conflict with any other responsibilities.

Present *Welcome to New Mexico 4-H* workshops as requested by counties/districts.