JOIN THE MARYLAND 4-H STATE COUNCIL!

Who can apply?

Are you passionate about 4-H?

Are you a Senior 4-H Member (14-18) that has been with 4-H (in any state) at least two years?

Are you interested in serving as a leader for your Club, your County, and your State?

We have an open application process without number limits for teen leaders from each Maryland County and City 4-H Program, while maintaining the two vote per Unit structure. This program is open to any teen interested and there is no nomination system. We are looking for young people who want to get things done in their communities and their state through 4-H.

As a Council Member you will....

Serve on a State Committee focused either on Planning and Outreach, Service, Public Issues, Public Relations, or Finance...

Attend 75% of scheduled meetings and events (often with call-in capabilities, so geography and busy schedules can be accommodated)...

Be a vocal advocate for 4-H and this Council through six annual public speaking engagements at the Club, County, Regional, or State levels...

Commit two years to being a leader in Maryland 4-H...and...

Develop skills and relationships that will last a lifetime!

For More Information please contact Alisha Targonski at alishat@umd.edu.

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To Apply to the 2015 Maryland 4-H State Council please complete the following:

- Cover Letter: In one page, introduce yourself, highlight your 4-H and leadership career, and outline why you want to be a Council Member

- Application Form
  - Applicant’s and Parent’s Contact Information
  - Rank selection of a Committee
  - Signature of County Educator

- Letter of recommendation: This can come from either your 4-H Leader or any adult that has known you well for at least 3 years.

To Apply for one of the seven Officer Positions available for the 2015 Term:

In addition to the above, you will also submit your ‘remarks’ which is your speech you will give as part of your campaign for your officer role. In your remarks please include:
  - Name
  - County
  - Officer position
  - Spend up to 200 words explaining why members should vote for you for this office

Officer positions are only open for second year members to apply, with exception of Secretary, in which a first year member may apply with demonstrated experience.

**Officer Duties** will include coordinating your elected committee, developing a working partnership with an adult co-leader (either a volunteer or 4-H Agent), creating subcommittees around specific work items, directing and driving the work of the committee, communicating the progress and upcoming events of your committee to the Officer Board and for the statewide communication.

**Officer Elections**: Sunday, January 11, 2014, 1:00-3:00 pm face to face at the Maryland 4-H Center and in case of bad weather or unable to travel, via phone conference. Officer speeches will be done either in person or via the phone followed by a member vote.

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2015 Maryland 4-H State Council Application Form

Council Applicant’s Information

Full Name: ____________________________
Date of Birth: _________________________
County: ______________________________
Address 1: ____________________________
Address 2: ____________________________
City/State/Zip Code: ___________________
Home Phone: __________________________
Cell Phone: ____________________________
Email: ________________________________
Sex: _________________________________
Shirt Size: __________________________

Applicant’s Guardian/Parent

Full Name: ____________________________
Address 1 (If different from above) ______
Address 2: ____________________________
City/State/Zip Code: ___________________
Home Phone: __________________________
Cell Phone: ____________________________
Email: ________________________________
Relationship: _________________________

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In the boxes below please indicate by number (1,2,3) which Committee is your first, second, and third choice.

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County Educator Signature

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Maryland 4-H
8020 Greenmead Drive
College Park, MD 20740
Fax: 301-314-7146

To Whom It May Concern:

This is where you would introduce yourself and tell those reviewing your application why you are applying to be part of this group, either as a member or as an Officer. Tell us who you are.

In a second paragraph describe your 4-H career and leadership roles or skills you have gained either in 4-H or in other community roles and how you are bringing this experience to this group.

In a third paragraph, this is your chance to highlight things about yourself and your experience for a final time. Remember, grammar, spelling, and punctuation are important!

Sincerely,

Your signature

Your typed name
Officers and Committee Breakdown

**President**
Duties: Lead Executive Board and State Meetings, Help facilitate and communicate between Committees and VPs. Lead Ambassador—speaking at events. Communicating with the State 4-H Office

**Secretary**
First year members eligible to apply with demonstrated experience.
Duties: Taking Minutes at each meeting, sharing minutes

**Vice President of Planning and Outreach**
- Teen Focus and Volunteer Forum: Planning teen and 4-H youth elements at each of these
- 4-H Legislative Day in Annapolis
- 4-H Leadership Day at UMD
- Maryland Day at UMD
- National 4-H Week: Service Day/Weekend

**Vice President of Service**
- National Days of Service (MLK Jr Day and 9/11)
- Leadership Development/Education

**Vice President of Public Issues**
- Regional and/or State Forums
- Special Projects

**Vice President of Public Relations**
- Social Media
- Member Information to Counties

**Vice President of Finance**
- Scholarships for Members
- Budget
- Fundraising

**Vice President of Public Relations**
- Recreation
- Leadership Development/Education
- Budget
- Fundraising
- Scholarships for Members
- Social Media
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These bulleted items represent ongoing work or duties that subcommittees may form around.

This structure was created October 2014 by members of the 4-H State Council and approved by vote at the NERVF in November.

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