



STATE COUNCIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

**APPLICATION DEADLINE
TO STATE 4-H OFFICE:**

November 15

RETURN TO:

Maryland 4-H State Council through [4-H Online](#) (Event Tab)

General Information:

The Maryland 4-H State Council is the premiere leadership opportunity in Maryland. It is comprised of active 4-H members from around the state interested in developing high level leadership skills and representing their local 4-H program. State Council members have the opportunity to learn from each other, volunteers and faculty/staff outside of their club and local 4-H Program. The State Council is led by a youth officer team and faculty/staff advisors.

The youth officer team positions include: President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, Vice President for Planning and Outreach, Vice President for Public Issues, Vice President for Service, and Vice President for Public Relations.

The faculty/staff advisors are all UME 4-H employees either serving in local or state positions and include: Council Coordinator, Advisor for Planning and Outreach, Advisor for Public Issues, Advisor for Service, and Advisor for Public Relations.

Membership Expectations:

- Members are expected to attend at least 4 of the 6 bi-monthly State Council meetings held at the Maryland 4-H Center in College Park or other designated location. Meetings are held on the third Sunday of the months of January, March, May, July, September and November from 2:00-5:00 pm.
- Members are expected to assist with at least 2 State Council Events that are planned, organized and presented by one or all of the State Council committees. Past events have included: Maryland Day (in April), Maryland 4-H Public Issue Forum (in June of even years), Maryland 4-H State Congress (in June of odd years), Maryland State Fair, AGNR Open House (in October), Maryland 4-H Volunteer and Teen Forum (in November). **Events may vary from year to year.**
- Members will be assigned to a committee and will be expected to actively participate in their committee's meeting and activities to meet their self-identified goals for the year. Off month conference calls and committee connections will be arranged by the committee chair and advisor.
- Members are encouraged to attend the State Council Retreat in February which is designed to help members connect and get to know each other and is when the council and committees goals for the year and action plans are made. Professional development activities will be provided to enhance an individual's life skills.
- Members are expected to serve as a liaison between the State Council and their local 4-H program and team. Individuals should be willing to communicate and work with their local 4-H Team in order to represent their local on the Maryland 4-H State Council.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Any active Maryland 4-H youth age 13-18 (as of January 1 of upcoming program year) may apply to be on the Maryland 4-H State Council. Membership is verified through 4-H Online.

Application Process:

To be considered for the Maryland 4-H State Council, individuals must complete the online application available as an Event in [4-H Online](#) by **11:59 pm November 15th**. The application must include the following items that will need to be created or obtained. All documents should be saved as a PDF and need to be uploaded with the application (see link above).

1. A one-page cover letter introducing yourself as a potential general member of the Maryland 4-H State Council. Include information about your 4-H experience, how you will contribute to State Council as a member and how you would handle the State Council responsibilities along with your other commitments.
 2. A Maryland 4-H Resume, using the official format found on the Maryland State 4-H website. You can download an example/template at this link: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership> ([Senior Resume Sample](#)). The 4-H Resume must be typed.
 3. A current portrait picture of yourself. Either a school picture or in 4-H attire or UMD attire.
- Application packages will not be accepted by e-mail, mail or FAX.
 - **Only complete application packages will be reviewed for membership. It is the responsibility of the individual to assure that their package is complete.**
 - **Local 4-H Program Educator approval in 4-H Online is required to be considered for the Maryland 4-H State Council. Local requirements may apply.**
 - If you need help using the Events registration process, contact your local 4-H Team.

Selection Process and Notification:

- Complete application packages will be reviewed by the Maryland 4-H State Council faculty/staff advisors and youth officer team at the beginning of December.
- Members will be selected based on the information in their applications and its alignment with the Maryland 4-H State Council goals and expectations.
- Applicants selected as a General Member to the Maryland 4-H State Council will be notified by email on or around December 15th. The notification email will include a schedule of the upcoming year's meetings and events, as well as, information on the General Membership Acceptance Process. All selected members should review the schedule and consider/ discuss your ability to attend/participate in all or most of the meetings and events with your parent(s) or guardian(s). The strength and success of the Maryland 4-H State Council relies on the passion, motivation and participation of all the members, officers and advisors.
- Individuals selected as a General Member must accept their membership no later than **December 31st**.