Selection Process for Delegates:

1) Each 4-H unit will screen, and can submit, a maximum of 3 portfolios for the National 4-H Conference trip and 10 portfolios for the four additional major trips. Please note, a 4-Her can attend each trip only once with a maximum of TWO trips from this list during their 4-H career.

2) Each 4-H unit will be provided a 75% scholarship towards expenses for one National 4-H Congress delegate by the Maryland 4-H Foundation. National Conference, Camp Miniwanca, Virginia 4-H Congress and West Virginia Older Member Conference delegates will also be provided a 75% scholarship by the Maryland 4-H Foundation. The remaining 25% of costs is the responsibility of the youth delegate. A unit could receive additional scholarship(s) for additional delegates selected for major out-of-state trips.

3) The Maryland 4-H Portfolio Program (Resume, Essay and Interview) will be the method for the selection of delegates. Youth must also submit the cover sheet, i.e., the Maryland 4-H Application for Out-of-State Trips. The 4-Her must have met the minimum score established by the Awards & Recognition Committee.

4) All Resumes, Essays, and Applications for National 4-H Conference will be DUE October 15th to the State 4-H Office. All Resumes, Essays, and Applications for National 4-H Congress, West Virginia Older Members Conference, Virginia 4-H Congress, and Camp Miniwanca will be DUE January 15th to the State 4-H Office.

5) Interviews for National 4-H Conference will take place:
   2nd Tuesday in November from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Maryland 4-H Center, College Park
   Sunday afternoon at the Volunteer and Teen Forum, Ocean City

6) Interviews for National 4-H Congress, West Virginia Older Members Conference, Virginia 4-H Congress, and Camp Miniwanca will be held in three different locations of the state during the month of February.
   1st Saturday in February in the Queen Anne’s County Extension Office, Centreville
      (Inclement Weather Date, 3rd Saturday in February)
   1st Tuesday of February from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Maryland 4-H Center, College Park
      (Inclement Weather Date, 3rd Tuesday in February)
   2nd Saturday in February at the Carroll County Extension Office, Westminster
      (Inclement Weather Date, the Last Sunday in February)

Portfolios will be judged in February/March and each youth must be interviewed, but can select the location of their choice for the specified trip.
THE PORTFOLIO

Resume:
- Leadership, Citizenship and Life skills based
- Length – no more than three pages
- Single spaced
- Margins – no less than 1 inch
- Font Size – no less than 12 pt.
- Font Type - Times New Roman

Essay Theme: There is a new theme each year
- check the Awards & Recognition page on the 4-H website.
- Length – no more than two pages
- Double spaced
- Margins – no less than 1 inch
- Font Size – no less than 12 pt.
- Font Type - Times New Roman
- For some life skills suggestions, please refer to the Targeting Life Skills Model. (Do we have a reference for this?)

Scoring:
- Interview -40 points
- Resume - 40 points
- Essay -20 points
  Total 100 points

Additional Information:
To receive an application, helpful hints and additional information about the Maryland 4-H Out-of-State Trips, go to the Maryland 4-H Youth Development Website at http://www.maryland4h.org/ under the Awards and Recognition link or contact your local 4-H office.

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