

2024 LOUISIANA 4-H NATIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATE PROGRAM



National 4-H Conference (April 19-24, 2024) is an opportunity for youth to have a voice in the future of Louisiana 4-H and learn how to advocate for community causes they care about. It is the pinnacle experience in 4-H civic engagement, providing 4-Hers the opportunity to connect with others and develop ideas to lead change that impacts communities across our nation and the world.

Delegates will travel to Arlington, VA to participate in the National 4-H Conference. They will learn about social causes that impact Louisiana and how to effectively advocate for the 4-H program as well as community causes that they care about.

4-H members selected are expected to be knowledgeable about 4-H, Louisiana, and are dedicated to implementing new 4-H programming. Furthermore, delegates may be recruited to assist the Louisiana 4-H Executive Committee and/or the State 4-H Citizenship Board in planning and developing leadership opportunities.

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Program Objectives

- To help youth develop to their maximum potential by providing opportunities to participate actively in 4-H program development within their states, provinces, and at the national level.
- To assist states in the future development of a system for involving youth and professional staff in 4-H program planning.
- To provide a system for an exchange of 4-H programming ideas among delegates To enable youth to learn the skills needed to advocate for 4-H as well as community causes that they care about.

Program Rules and Requirements

- Delegates must be either 10th grade or 11th grade in high school when they apply.
- Interested members do not have to serve on a leadership board and do not have to complete a leadership board application in addition to the NCD application. However, if they are interested in serving on a leadership board, they must apply when those applications are released.
- Delegates selected can only serve one (1) time for a one (1) year period.
- Expenses for the four (4) delegates selected to represent Louisiana at National 4-H Conference will be paid. Exclusions include travel to the airport where delegation departs from, souvenirs, and some meals on their own.
- Selection will be based on overall 4-H work including projects, leadership, civic engagement, and service to the 4-H program, public speaking experiences, as well as originality of ideas about the future of 4-H programming.

Program Timeline

December 2023	Application open in 4-H Online
January 2024	Deadline for Applications Jan 1, 2024, and Interviews
February 2024	Announcement of 2024 National 4-H Conference Delegates
March-April 2024	Planning and Orientation for National 4-H Conference
April 2024	National 4-H Conference (April 19-24, 2023, Arlington, VA)
May-December 2024	Conduct various educational and leadership programs

To Apply

Complete the application on 4-H Online. Interviews will be conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams. Contact Brittany Babineaux at bbabineaux@agcenter.lsu.edu for more information.



More information on the National Conference is available at www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/

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