**2025 National 4-H Conference Trip Application**

**Trip**

1. Up to four (1-4) 4-H members will represent Indiana at National 4-H Conference, April 11-17, 2025. (Be sure you can participate on these dates before you apply.)

**Eligibility**

1. Grade 9-12 (at time of application due date).
2. Must be a current 4-H member and in at least the third year of membership at the time applying.

**How to Apply**

1. Submit completed cover page, essay plus answer supplemental question by Monday, December 2, 2024. The completed application is to be no more than six total pages. The selection committee may choose to select finalists to be invited to participate in a telephone interview in mid-December.
2. Completed applications are to be submitted electronically in PDF format through 4-H Online or delivered to the County Extension Office on an electronic storage media device (flash drive, etc.). A number of free PDF converters are available on the internet. The local Purdue Extension Office can also convert documents to PDF format. **The required information for each completed application is to be included in *one (1)* electronic file.**

**Judging Criteria - Application**

1. Essay worth 60%; answer to questions worth 40%.

**Notification**

1. Finalists will be notified and an online interview scheduled using Zoom, should the committee deem interviews necessary.

**Judging Criteria - Interview**

1. Quality of the delivery of the opening speech that further explains the issues addressed in written statement.
2. Ability to answer questions and defend points made in speech.

**Notification**

1. Trip winners will be notified by December 20, 2024 and be given all pertinent information needed to plan for the April 11-17, 2025 National 4-H Conference.

**Cost**

1. Selected delegates must pay $600.00 of the total cost. The remaining fee is covered by sponsorship. This payment includes conference registration fee, lodging, most meals, and airline transportation. Additional money for souvenirs and a few meals will be needed. Selected delegates are encouraged to secure local sponsorship. Cost should not deter a 4-H member from applying. Contact Tony Carrell, 765-494-8435, if this is a concern.

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**NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE TRIP**

Name County of 4-H Enrollment

What is an issue currently facing your community? Describe the circumstances around this issue and outline how 4-H can lead youth in solving this issue. (*Written essay can be no more than two pages and a minimum font size of 10 is to be used.*)

*Due December 2, 2024*

**2025 NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE**

**APPLICATION FORM**

(Type or print this form in black)

**County**       **Extension Area**    **Year of Application**

**Currently participating in 4-H:** **Yes**     **No**     **Years completed in 4-H**       **Grade in School**

**Name (First, Mid Initial, Last):**

**Home mailing address:**

**Home phone number:**

**Email address:**

**Date of birth (mm/dd/year):**

**Gender (male or female):**

**Parent/Guardian mailing address:**

**Father’s Name:**       **Mother’s Name:**

**Parent/Guardian Phone:**

**Name of High School:**       **Graduation Month/Year:**

**Name of 4-H Club:**

**4-H Projects (completed with # years completed):**

**Career plans and name of college/training after high school graduation:**

**STATEMENT BY 4-H MEMBER**

I personally have prepared this application and certify that it accurately reflects my work. I also give permission to Purdue Extension, Indiana 4-H, and Indiana 4-H Foundation to use statements in this application for promotion purposes.

\*4-H Member Signature: By placing an X here \_\_\_\_\_ and typing my name here \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this will serve as my electronic signature agreeing to the above statements. Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

We have reviewed this application and believe it to be correct. As a parent/guardian I also give permission to the parties listed above to use statements in this application for promotion purposes.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: By placing an X here \_\_\_\_\_ and typing my name here \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this will serve as my electronic signature agreeing to the above statements. Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of County Extension Educator: By approving this application in 4HOnline, the educator is verifying 4-H membership and approving this application for consideration by the state scholarship selection committee.

**NOTE: This application will not be returned.**

**\*Signature indicates implied consent that these materials will be reviewed by the selection committee and shared with the award donor.**



***Answer the following questions utilizing the necessary space needed to tell your 4-H story, but do not exceed three (3) pages after the demographics page (1). Font size is to be no smaller than 10 point.***

**1. 4-H projects taken** (Use the chart provided. To create additional rows, place the cursor in the bottom row, right click the mouse, select insert, row below, or tab from the bottom row right box. ):

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Project** | **Years** | **Project** | **Years** | **Project** | **Years** |
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**2. 4-H communication skills such as demonstrations, public speaking, judging contests, performing arts, and other 4-H activities** (Using the chart provided, list in chronological order with the first year of 4-H membership at the top. Use L for local club, C for county, A for area, S for state and N for national level. To create additional rows, place the cursor in the bottom row, right click the mouse, select insert, row below, or tab from the bottom row right box.):

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year****Participated** | **Event or Activity****and Title if applicable** | **Award/Placing****Earned if applicable** | **Level** |
| Ex. | Demonstration – Nutritious Snacks | Champion/Blue | C,S |
|  |  |  |  |

**3. 4-H leadership such as offices, committee work, board member, or other leadership roles held** (Using the chart provided, list in chronological order with the first year of 4-H membership at the top. Use L for local club, C for county, A for area, S for state and N for national level. To create additional rows, place the cursor in the bottom row, right click the mouse, select insert, row below, or tab from the bottom row right box.):

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year(s)** | **Leadership Position** | **Role** | **Level** |
| Ex. | Lincoln County Junior Leaders – Food Stand Comm. | Committee Member | C |
|  |  |  |  |

**4. 4-H awards, honors received and trips attended** (Using the chart provided, list in chronological order with the first year of 4-H membership at the top left of the table. Use L for local club, C for county, A for area, S for state and N for national level. To create additional rows, place the cursor in the bottom row, right click the mouse, select insert, row below, or tab from the bottom row right box.):

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| **Year(s)** | **Award/Honor/Trip** | **Level** | **Year(s)** | **Award/Honor/Trip** | **Level** |
| Ex. | 4-H Roundup | S |  |  |  |
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**5. Tell about your 4-H leadership/citizenship/community service experiences; include things that contributed to the welfare of your club or group members, other individuals, or community.** (Be specific as to what you did and write in paragraph form.)

**6. Describe two to three of the most important life skills you learned through 4-H that will or has affected your life.** (Be specific as to what you did and write in paragraph form.)

**7. How will you utilize your 4-H experiences and the life skills you described in question 6 in the future**? (Be specific as to what you will do and write in paragraph form.)

THREE PAGES MAXIMUM for answering Questions 1-7