

## National 4-H Conference

**Deadline:** June 1

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**Background:** The National 4-H Conference is an annual event planned and conducted by The National 4-H Headquarters, located in the Families, 4-H, and Nutrition Unit of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The purpose of the conference is to solicit input from a diverse cross-section of the Cooperative Extension System to strengthen and expand the 4-H Youth Development program at local, state, and national levels. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, state, and county Extension staff members from across the U.S., its territories, and the Canadian Provinces. The National 4-H Conference is each spring, near the end of the month.

**Eligibility:** Members must be between 15 and 18 years of age as of December 31 of the previous year to participate.

**Selection:** Each county may nominate two delegates. Nominees fill out an [application form](#) and send in a letter of recommendation from his/her county agent. A committee screens or identifies a pool of eight or twelve potential delegates. Final selection will be made after interviews at State Fair.

**Finances:** There is a three way split for expenses associated with this event. The Colorado 4-H Youth Fund sponsors approximately one third of the expenses for all youth attending this event. The remaining two thirds come from the delegate and the county. County 4-H Councils, Junior Leader Clubs, 4-H Clubs and others often contribute towards these expenses. Final payment is due by the first of December each year.

