

Application Process for National 4-H Trips

National 4-H Congress, November 27th - December 1st, 2015 in Atlanta Georgia

Application packet is due May 18, 2015

National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the 4-H program. For over 90 years, youth from the United States and its territories have participated in this youth leadership development conference. Congress provides youth ages 15-18 a quality educational and cross-cultural experience that exceeds what any state independently provides. It is designed to address the needs and issues of youth while helping to develop capable, competent and caring citizens. **For more information** about this program, go to www.national4-hcongress.com.

National 4-H Conference April 9-14th, 2016 in Chevy Chase, Maryland

Application packet is due November 14, 2015

National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth ages 15-18 in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. The Conference brings together youth and adults from across the United States, U.S. territories and Canadian Provinces. The conference is housed at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Delegates take part in field trips, recreational opportunities and Congressional visits in Washington D.C. **For more information** about this program, go to <http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference>

To apply, you must submit a resume packet to: Kim Pond, Massachusetts 4-H Program, 120 Stafford St., Suite 201, Worcester, MA 01603 postmarked no later than **May 18, 2015**. (You also now have the option to submit electronically at mass4hteens@gmail.com you will receive an e-mail confirming it was received.)

That packet must include (single sided only with a font size of 12 point or larger):

- A cover letter
- A resume (1 page preferred, 2 pages maximum)
- A 4-H Story (double spaced, 5 page maximum)
- A completed 4-H Experience Sheet - Answer these 4 questions on a separate sheet of paper
 1. Briefly describe the leadership experiences that you have had in the 4-H program and through other organizations/school.
 2. Why do you feel it is important to develop communication skills?
 3. How will you apply your leadership experiences/skills to benefit the 4-H program in the next 2 years?
 4. Discuss any Community Service work that you have done and how it has impacted you and/or your community.
- Two written references (1 from a 4-H affiliated person, 1 from non-4-H: these cannot be relatives).

In addition, you may include up to 5 pages of supplemental materials. All materials must be presented in a professional manner; clean, neat and typed.

Please avoid duplicating materials: Resumes are a great way to categorize your work by skills and listing awards, but is meant to be a short synopsis of your 4-H activities and accomplishments. Your 4-H story and 4-H Experience Sheet is a way to let the judges know how your projects and experiences have had an impact on you or elaborate on your experiences in more detail.

For additional information about the cover letter and resume, see the information under Resume Development Packet, found in the Records and Resume section of the website. "Summary Record Form Instructions" found in the Records section.

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