# National 4-H Conference Application for Delaware Virtual – April 10-15, 2021

National 4-H Conference is the annual premiere national civic engagement opportunity for 4-H members across the country. Conference is a hands-on, working conference in which delegates participate in a variety of programs and activities. Participants have the opportunity to practice and apply in a real world setting their newly developed and refined skills.

**Who can apply?** Delaware 4-H’ers in good standing, currently in their sophomore or junior year of high school are encouraged to apply.

**How do I apply?** All 4-H’ers interested in applying must submit a completed application to the State 4-H Office by the deadline. A completed application includes the general information page, open-ended questions and a one-page essay. In addition to the application, applicants will be asked to participate in an interview (in person or Zoom, TBD).

**When is the deadline?** All applications are due to the State 4-H Office no later than **Tuesday, December 15, 2020.**  This is a firm deadline and applications must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date in order to be considered.

**Can I apply more than one time?** If you have applied previously and were not accepted, you may apply again provided you still meet the eligibility requirements.

For more information about National 4-H Conference, including a sample schedule, workshop topics, and more, please visit the website:

<http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/>

If you have any questions, please contact your local county office or the State 4-H Office at   
(302) 831-2509.

Thank you for your interest in attending the 2021 National 4-H Conference.

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| **Type your answers in the shaded areas.** | | | |
| First name |  | Last Name |  |
| Street |  | City/State/Zip Code |  |
| County |  | Date of Birth |  |
| Gender |  | Years in 4-H |  |
| Age January 1 this year |  | Age today |  |
| Home phone |  | Parent’s work phone |  |
| Your cell phone |  | Your E-mail address |  |
| Mother’s name |  | Father’s name |  |
| Name of 4-H Club |  | T-shirt size | S  M  L  XL  XXL |
| Name of school |  | Grade in school |  |
| Do you have any food allergies? | Yes No | Do you have any special assistance needs? | Yes No |
| Food allergy explanation |  | Special assistance needs explanation |  |
| What career path do you plan to pursue? | | | |
| *Ethnicity/race is requested for reporting purposes only to USDA****.*** | | | |
| Ethnicity | Hispanic  Non-Hispanic | Race | White  Black  Asian  Am. Indian/Alaskan Native |

**Statement by 4-H Member**

By entering my name below, I certify that I have personally prepared this report and that it accurately reflects my work and ideas. I agree to return to my club and county to implement a leadership project with the other National 4-H Conference delegates from Delaware.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Name of 4-H Member: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: Tuesday, December 15, 2020**

1. **4-H Project Summary** – List all major projects you have participated in as a 4-H member. Include all projects and years of participation.
2. **4-H Participation Summary** – List all major 4-H programs, activities and events you have participated in as a 4-H member. Include all programs, activities, events, contests, etc.
3. **Describe your leadership and citizenship experiences within 4-H.** – Include all projects, community service, activities, etc.
4. **List three skills you have developed through your 4-H projects. How have the experiences and skills you acquired through 4-H helped to influence your future goals and plans?**
5. **Explain why you should be selected as a delegate for National 4-H Conference?**

**National 4-H Conference Essay**

**Instruction: Please select one essay topic from below and type your essay on the following page. It must not exceed one page in length, and the font must be 12-point.**

Background for Essay topic 1: Throughout National 4-H Conference, delegates have the opportunity to explore issues that are currently affecting youth through Round Table discussions. Delegates are placed into various groups and assigned a specific topic area. Within these groups, delegates will research, discuss, collect data, and brainstorm solutions to their Round Table topic. The delegates then develop a presentation and deliver their findings to a federal agency. Round Table topics in the past have included issues on food security/hunger, alcohol and drug prevention, obesity, distracted driving, and adolescent mental health – just to name a few.

Essay topic 1: *Identify and describe an issue that is currently affecting our youth. Explain the issue and identify two key points that could contribute to the resolution of the issue.*

or

Essay topic 2: *How do you think 4-H changed your life up until this point? What might be different if you had not joined 4-H? How do you believe the skills you have learned thus far will impact you later in life?* Please provide specific examples of 4-H moments that have helped shape you as a person.

Please submit all materials by **Tuesday, December 15, 2020, to the State 4-H Office.**

**Email application to:** de4h@udel.edu

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Essay narrative: