What is the National 4-H Conference?

National 4-H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Civic Engagement, providing the opportunity for young people to connect, learn, engage, lead and impact their communities, their nation and their world. 4-H Departments from Land Grant Universities send a delegation of their choice to participate in the conference. Youth delegates must be between ages 15 (by January 1 of the conference year) and 18 years old.

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. The delegates choose an important societal topic and in round table groups prepare a briefing. During the conference, delegates will have the opportunity to visit Capitol Hill and the offices of Congressman and Federal Offices.

Location:

The National 4-H Youth Conference Center host will host the 2019 National 4-H Conference. The center is located in Chevy Chase, Maryland on a 12-acer campus-like setting, one mile from the nation’s capital. The conference center is operated by the National 4-H Council. Visit [http://www.4hcenter.org/center history.html](http://www.4hcenter.org/center history.html) for more information about the National 4-H Youth Conference Center.

Who Should Apply?

The National 4-H Conference requires youth who are focused and committed to working during the Conference and in their state. The Arizona delegation will consist of approximately 15 youth, who will be required to engage in pre- and post-conference work and participate in all scheduled conference activities.

Application Process:

Application and video submissions will be submitted to County offices by Dec. 21, 2018. A fee is not required to complete the application. County Extension Office personnel will certify the application, so please notify your county Extension Agent of your intent to apply. Final selection of delegates will be made on the basis of the application and video submitted: you may be contacted for a telephone interview. The final selection of delegates will be announced on or before Jan. 14, 2019.

Cost:

The delegate’s share of registration, lodging, airfare, meals, transportation and adult chaperone registration, which totals $2,000. This fee will be due on Feb. 13, 2019 payable to The University of Arizona. Check with your local Extension office for more details and possible scholarship opportunities.

Arizona Delegation Meeting Location:

The Arizona delegation will travel out of Phoenix or Tucson, AZ (depending on the cost of airlines tickets and the geographical makeup of the delegation). All travel costs to the airport to meet the group is the responsibility of the delegate.

Important Dates:

Apply now, through December 21, 2018
Delegation announced January 14, 2019
Registration fee of $2,000 due February 13, 2019