



Georgia 4-H Board of Directors Nomination Packet 2023-2024

Elections for the Georgia 4-H Board of Directors will take place at State 4-H Council on June 23-25, 2023. This packet includes six sections: State 4-H Officer Eligibility, Requirements, Candidate Information, Candidate Qualifications, Campaign Guidelines, and Required Signatures. Applications may be handwritten or typed. All six sections must be completed and reviewed in order for a candidate to run for office. Although applications with original signatures will be accepted until candidate orientation at State 4-H Council, **4-H'ers whose completed packets and returned to the State 4-H Office by June 14th will be included in the printed State 4-H Council program.**

Review the eligibility criteria for the 2023 election year.

- **Age:** Rising 10th through rising 12th graders
- **Leadership:** Held a 4-H Leadership role at the county, district, state, or national level anytime since the 7th grade to present. Examples may include but are not limited to (County) County Council Officer or Project Club Leader, (District) Junior or Senior Board Officer, (State) Ambassador, (National) National 4-H Council Spokesperson.
- **Involvement:** Competed in at least one Area, District, State, or National 4-H Competition within the past program year (August 2022 to present). Contests include but are not limited to Project Achievement, S.A.F.E. Match, Georgia National Fair Contests, Food Showcase, Georgia Junior Livestock, State Horse Show, Dean's Award, Leadership in Action, National Conference, Judging Teams, and Quiz Bowl Teams.
- **Civic Engagement:** Participated in a civic engagement opportunity at the county, district, or state level—i.e. volunteering, involvement in a civic society, service-learning, etc. Civic engagement participation includes opportunities through 4-H, school, community, etc.
- **County Office Recommendation:** Provide a letter of recommendation from your County Office's 4-H Leader (Agent, Educator, or Program Assistant) that can speak to your leadership qualifications. The letter of support should not exceed one page in length.
- **Outside the 4-H Organization Recommendation:** Provide a letter or recommendation from someone outside of your county 4-H Office that can speak to your leadership qualifications. This cannot include a family member. The letter of support should not exceed one page in length.

The application as well as your recommendation letters and headshot must be submitted by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, to be eligible to seek office.

<https://tinyurl.com/2324stateboardapp>

An automated confirmation email will be sent to confirm receipt of packet.



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Section 1

State 4-H Officer Requirements

Please review the requirements for those elected to any State 4-H Officer position. This section will not be included in the shared candidate information.

By completing this nomination packet and in consideration of the privilege of campaigning for and potentially serving as a member of the Georgia 4-H State Board of Directors, candidates agree to be bound by the following requirements and obligations during their campaign and, if elected, throughout their term, barring a medical emergency, family emergency, or act of God:

- Be present for the announcement of election results on BOTH Saturday and Sunday of State 4-H Council, June 24 and 25, 2023. Candidates must be present at the announcement of election results in order to win office.
- If not already a Certified Teen Leader, enroll in and complete Teen Leader Certification prior to August 1, 2023.
- Participate in State 4-H Officer Training, June 28- 30, 2023. Training Begins at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, with meeting location to be determined. Training will conclude by 11:00 am on Friday, June 30, 2023
- Participate in State 4-H Officer Installation on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, during State 4-H Congress.
- Submit a 4-H portfolio and compete in District Project Achievement 2024.
- Compete in either Leadership in Action parts I and II, Dean Awards, or National Conference 2024.
- Compete in at least one area or state judging event or one area or state 4-H animal show or other area or state 4-H competitive event.
- Participate in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Pacesetters Luncheon, December 2023.
- Plan and lead the following events as a member of the officer team: 4-H Fall Forum (December 2023), State 4-H Council (June 2024), and State 4-H Congress (July 2024).
- Represent Georgia 4-H at 4-H Day at the Capitol (February 14, 2024).
- Represent Georgia 4-H for at least one of the following (and as many as possible): 4-H Day at the Georgia National Fair (October 13, 2023), Georgia National Fair Livestock Show (October 2023), Sunbelt Expo (October 2023), Georgia Agribusiness Council Harvest Celebration (November 2023), Junior National Livestock Show (February 2024).
- Be an outstanding county 4-H member through participation and involvement in county 4-H activities. Officers should take the initiative to keep the lines of communication open with county Extension staff.
- Attend State 4-H Officer planning meetings and other events as scheduled. Since planning meetings are important to the success of 4-H events, absences from planning meetings without prior approval may disqualify an officer from participating in the program of the event. State 4-H Officers may have a 4-H Officer commitment or meeting every other month.



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- Consider 4-H activities a priority. If the candidate has accepted a leadership position in another organization that requires an extensive time commitment, it may not be feasible to also serve as a State 4-H Officer.
- Assume responsibility for travel to and from events. Officers are responsible for their travel to and from events and must have parental (guardian) permission to make travel plans. Where feasible, officers should travel with their counties. Officers should not expect county Extension offices to make travel plans when counties are not involved in the program.
- Set an example in attitude and action of the 4-H program. The 4-H Code of Conduct is a minimum standard of behavior.
- Work cooperatively and effectively with fellow board members, volunteers, and faculty. Be respectful, dedicated and committed to making this year successful.



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Section 2

Candidate Information

This page will be removed from the online information that is shared for delegates to view prior to and during State 4-H Council. The information on this page is primarily used to assist the advisors in planning and supporting elected officers during the year.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

School: _____

Grade as of August 1, 2023: _____ Birth date: _____

County: _____ District: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____ Parent Email: _____

If elected, you will be working with a team of youth and adults. Is there anything you would want this team to know about you?



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Section 3

Candidate Eligibility

This section provides evidence that the candidate has met the eligibility criteria in the areas of leadership, involvement, and civic engagement. Do not add additional pages. Please use only the space provided.

Name: _____

County: _____ District: _____

Leadership: What 4-H Leadership position(s) have you held at the county, district, state, or national level anytime since the 7th grade to present? Examples may include but are not limited to (County) County Council Officer or Project Club Leader, (District) Junior or Senior Board Officer, (State) Ambassador, (National) National 4-H Spokesperson. *Only one is required.*

Involvement: What Area, District, State, or National 4-H Competition have you competed in within the past program year (August 2022 to present)? Contests include but are not limited to Project Achievement, S.A.F.E. Match, Georgia National Fair Contests, Food Showcase, Georgia Junior Livestock, State Horse Show, Dean's Award, Leadership in Action, National Conference, Judging Teams, and Quiz Bowl Teams. *Only one is required.*

Civic Engagement: What Civic Engagement opportunity have you participated in in the past program year (August 2022 to present) at the county, district, or state level—i.e. volunteering, involvement in a civic society, service-learning, etc.? Civic engagement participation includes opportunities through 4-H, school, community, etc.

Section 4

Candidate Qualifications



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This section may be shared electronically and in print with voting delegates. It provides information to voters as to a candidate's experiences in 4-H, leadership, and service. Do not add additional pages. Please use only the space provided.

Why would you like to serve as a State 4-H Officer?

What experiences have prepared you to serve in a 4-H leadership role?

In which 4-H projects, activities, and events have you participated?



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What offices have you held in 4-H or other organizations?

What other activities are you involved in that will help you serve as an officer?

What other information would you like 4-H'ers to know about you?

Section 5

Campaign Guidelines

Please review the campaign guidelines listed below. Candidates are expected to abide by guidelines and may be removed from the ballot for failure to follow these guidelines. This section will not be included in the shared candidate information.

Name: _____

County: _____

District: _____

1. Candidates may hang one poster for display in the assigned campaign area during State 4-H Council. Posters may not be hung prior to the designated time and must be removed at the close of State 4-H Council. Posters must hang flat against the wall.
2. Candidates may wear or carry additional posters. These may only be carried or worn by the candidate and no other delegates.
3. The use of favors, letters, handbills, PA systems by the candidates before or during the campaign may result in disqualification.
4. **Candidates are prohibited from campaigning prior to State 4-H Council. Candidates may begin campaigning starting at 4:00 PM on Friday, June 23, 2023, at Rock Eagle 4-H Center.** Posters may not be hung prior to this time, nor may candidates dress in campaign apparel. **Campaigning for general election will end at 4:00 PM on Saturday, June 24, 2023.** Although candidates' designated campaign posters from #1 will continue to hang in the polls during this time, all candidates must put down their additional posters and change out of campaign apparel. **Campaigning will reconvene for district elections following the Saturday evening assembly.**
5. Candidates are required to attend the Candidate's Orientation meeting at State 4-H Council.
6. Candidates will present a **one-minute speech or skit** during State 4-H Council. Candidates will make this presentation as assigned at the Candidate's Orientation Meeting.
 - Campaign speeches/skits must be made live by the candidate. Candidates may not "lip-sync" pre-recorded voices even if it is their own voice. Candidates may use recorded music in their presentation.
 - Any recorded item must be on cd, smart phone, or USB flash drive and submitted at candidate orientation. CD's, flash drives, and/or smart phones should be labeled with the candidate's name, county and the track number of the music. If the candidate requires music to be queued to a specific time, in addition to the song's track number, we also require the candidate to provide in writing the start/stop location of the song (i.e. start playing at 1:23 and stop playing at 1:45).
 - Candidates should spend 50% of total time used discussing their 4-H involvement and qualifications for state office.



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- No other individuals are permitted to be part of the candidate's presentation.
 - Special props within reason are permissible. Candidates must furnish all props. No automobiles, fire or water is allowed in skits or campaigning.
 - Candidate presentations (speech/skit) must be reviewed & approved by the candidate's county Extension agent/4-H prior to State 4-H Council.
7. Candidates will appear before the State 4-H Council delegation to extemporaneously answer at least one question.
8. Presentations and campaign slogans cannot allude to violations in the 4-H Code of Conduct.



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Parent/Guardian(s) and 4-H'er must meet with the County 4-H Staff to review and discuss the qualifications, guidelines for campaigning, and requirements of the Georgia 4-H Board of Directors. If all accept the responsibilities and obligations involved, the 4-H'er may seek election to the Georgia 4-H Board of Directors. At the conclusion of the meeting, the appropriate signatures must be secured below. This section will not be included in the shared candidate information.

1. To be signed by 4-H'er:

I affirm that I am a qualified candidate who has met the eligibility criteria to run for office. I have read the expectations of office and I realize that being a Georgia 4-H officer is a major responsibility and takes a great deal of time. I am willing to accept these responsibilities should I be elected and will work diligently to meet these obligations. I have reviewed campaign guidelines. I agree to abide by these guidelines during my campaign for State 4-H Office. The information I provided in the nomination packet is true. If I am elected, I promise to do my best and give the time to perform these duties.

Candidate Signature

Date

2. To be signed by Parent/Guardian:

I affirm that my child is a qualified candidate who has met the eligibility criteria to run for office. I have read the expectations of office and realize if my child is elected that they will have certain obligations and responsibilities not limited to those listed above. I agree to support my child if elected. I understand that this could mean that they must limit other activities or endeavors if they interfere with their ability to meet these responsibilities. I further understand that it is my child's responsibility to arrange transportation to and from these activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

3. To be signed by Extension Staff:

The candidate is a member of the county 4-H program listed above. I affirm the candidate has met the eligibility criteria to run for office. I have reviewed the candidate's campaign presentation and, as reviewed, the presentation meets the guidelines. I have reviewed the campaign guidelines with the candidate, and they are aware of these guidelines.

Extension Staff Signature

Date