

## Section 3

## Candidate Qualifications

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Name: Vicky Sapp

County: Haralson

District: Northwest

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

I would love to serve as a State 4-H Officer, because I want to be more involved in the organization that I call my family. It was in 5th grade when I first discovered 4-H. That was the first year I participated in District Project Achievement, and I fell absolutely in love with DPA! I have always enjoyed talking in front of people and 4-H gave me an opportunity to do just that. 4-H has also helped me make many friends which I was beyond thankful for. Growing up I was friends with almost everyone, but still felt that I didn't belong. 4-H welcomed me with open arms. I would love to help kids, like me, feel like they belong somewhere and that they have a place where they can be themselves without feeling judged. That is what 4-H is truly about! I would love to be that voice for those who feel like they don't have a place to belong. I feel like the best way for me to do that is to be a State 4-H Officer. As a State 4-H Officer, I would have more of an impact because of the amount of people I would be able to reach!

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

I have had many experiences inside and outside of school that have helped prepare me to serve in a 4-H leadership role. Inside of school I am class of 2025, Vice President and the year before that I was the captain of the basketball team. Both of these roles have taught me how to listen well to others and how to take their needs and wants into consideration before I make a decision that could affect entire group. In 4-H I have also had the opportunity of being Vice President of my class. This has given me a little taste of what it will be like to be in an important leadership role in 4-H. It has given me an idea of what to prepare for if I make it on State Board. Outside of school I am involved in Special Olympics. In the Special Olympics I am a partner with impaired athletes. As a partner, it is my job to help the athletes enjoy their time as they play sports that they wouldn't normally be able to play. Most of the time for the partners we don't pick what sport we are involved in. Everything we do depends heavily on what the athletes want. This has taught me selflessness. It has taught me how to work well with others, and to always be aware of what I say and do because one small thing could affect others in a big way!

### What is your favorite 4-H project, activity, or event? Explain why.

It is difficult for me to pick a favorite 4-H event/activity because I have enjoyed everything that I've had the chance to be involved in, but this year, I was able to attend Senior Conference also known as the 4-H prom. I have to say that this was one of the best activities that I have got to do this year! What I loved most about it, was the fact that it was a State event. This means that I got to meet and see way more people than I normally do at district events. I was able to make many more friends from a lot of different places. This event also gave me the opportunity to dress up really fancy and do my makeup super nice. I really love dressing up! It is a way to show people a little about you without even having to talk! I have always been the person at school to be dressed like I was showing up to the Met Gala in a very flashy outfit and a face full of makeup, because I have a passion always looking my best. At Senior Conference I was able to meet people that have the same passion as I do, which was super nice because I rarely ever meet people that are like me. Therefore, Senior Conference was probably my favorite activity/event that I've attended!

### What else would you like 4-H'ers to know about you?

I would like 4-H'ers to know that I will be a person that they can rely on and talk to if they ever need anything. There is no reason that anyone in 4-H should ever feel alone or like there's no one that understands them. I'll also be a voice for those who think that they have none at all because I believe that it is important that everyone is heard and no one is silenced. I am also an extremely hard worker. I don't quit till the task at hand is solved. I would also want them to know that I have a passion and love for helping others and making them feel welcomed and loved. Since COVID, I have seen and felt what it is like to think you're not welcome or like no one hears you. I feel as though as a State 4-H Officer I'd have a better chance at making people feel like they have a place that they can call home. I also would want them to know that I live by the saying honesty is the best policy because I don't like lying. I am a very honest and open person. I think it's super important that a person who wants to be in a leadership role be this way. It helps better connect them with the people that they are trying to lead or speak for. It keeps a very open line of communication. This very important to keep everything on track and running smooth.



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