

## Nebraska 4-H Annual Achievement Application for Awards and Recognition

### Application Instructions

This application is for all 4-H participants ages 8-18. It will be used for the selection of county, state and national awards including the selection of delegates to National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference. To serve as a delegate for either National trip, youth must turn ages 15-19 during the calendar year in which the trip occurs. If you are interested in being considered as a delegate for these national experiences, you will make that designation on your application.

1. National 4-H Conference is a weeklong program held at the National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Md., in March/April. It is a future-focused program that aims to build strong leaders through roundtable discussions, team-building activities, group assemblies and visits with national legislators.
2. National 4-H Congress is held in November/December in Atlanta, Ga. The program provides opportunities to learn about community involvement, cultural diversity and service to others.

### All Applicants

All Nebraska 4-H participants, ages 8-18 are encouraged to complete this application for acknowledgement of your annual achievements in 4-H and to be eligible for any county and state level awards.

### Applicant for the National Experiences:

Applicants must

- Turn age 15 to 19 during the calendar year in which the trip occurs to be considered.
- Not have been a delegate to the program in which they are applying
- Be able to miss one full week of school and/or work to attend the program
- Be a participant in the Nebraska 4-H program in any delivery mode
- Be dependable and punctual

### If selected, delegates will

- Participate in an orientation and complete pre-program assignments
- Check and respond to email and other online information regularly in preparation for the leadership experience
- Participate fully in the program
- Carry out follow-up responsibilities designated by the 4-H program
- Make public appearances for 4-H
- Expenses: The Nebraska 4-H Foundation provides partial sponsorships. Delegates will be responsible for travel to and from the airport from home, meals to and from the leadership experience location, optional tours and souvenirs they wish to purchase.

### Completing the application

- Application must be completed electronically. Limit responses in the “My Experiences” section to a maximum of three pages, single-spaced, 12-point font. A fourth page is allowed for those applying for the National trips.
- In the selection process, significant accomplishments in your **4-H experience, leadership, community involvement and career spark** are given more consideration than the number of 4-H projects completed.
- Please do not send a list of your awards. You may include selected awards as part of the “My Experiences” section of the application.
- Creativity is encouraged, use bullet lists, photos, infographics, etc. to help tell your 4-H story.

### For Applicants for the National Trips Only

- As you complete the application, remember that while participation in 4-H programs, leadership and community are important, the information you can share when you return from the leadership experience is equally important.

### Selection Process

- Applications must be electronically as outlined below. A selection team will screen applications. Applicants may be contacted for further information.
- Applicants who have not been awarded a National 4-H leadership opportunity previously will be given preference. Delegates will be notified in March. Finalists and alternates will be selected.
- **Please note:** Chosen delegates may be required to travel to an airport that is not the closest to them due to chaperone location and cost restrictions.

**Please submit the following elements via email to your county by your local county deadline.** You can find your county email : <https://go.unl.edu/countyemail>

1. Completed application (fillable form), the application includes:
  - a. An “About Me” page
  - b. The “My Experiences” answers, (3 page maximum)
  - c. Additional responses required for national experience applicants only, (1 page maximum)
  - d. A Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarship Page for age eligible scholarship applicants only

### **For youth who turn ages 15-19 during the calendar year in which the trip occurs:**

Following your county review, please make revisions if needed and submit applications for state level review by January 15th.

If you have not previously submitted to county, you are still eligible to submit by January 15th for all consideration for all state level awards and scholarships.

**All applications should be submitted via Email Address: [4HAchieves@unl.edu](mailto:4HAchieves@unl.edu)**



## Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Those Applying for State Scholarships Must Complete this Additional Section and Submit by January 15 to be eligible.

### Scholarly Information and Eligibility

- Indicate with an "X" if you are:  
A Current High School Senior OR College Freshman  
  
A Current High School Junior \*\*Only Eligible for Grand Island Horse Scholarship\*\*  
  
Other
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### 4-H Involvement (Indicate with an "X")

- How many years have you participated in 4-H?  
<1  
  
1-3  
  
4 or more
- Are you currently enrolled and active in 4-H horse program?  
Yes  
  
No

### Your School and Education Plan (Indicate with an "X")

- What school/university do you plan to attend?  
University of Nebraska - Kearney  
  
University of Nebraska - Lincoln  
  
University of Nebraska - Omaha  
  
Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture  
  
Other, Please list:  

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- (ONLY IF PLANNING TO ATTEND UNL) What college do you plan to attend while at UNL?  
College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR)  
  
College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS)  
  
Other, Please list:  

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### Other Questions (Indicate with an "X")

- Are you a first-generation college student?  
Yes  
  
No

### Supplemental Documents

You will need to scan and attach the following documents and submit them along with your application. All materials should be sent to: [4HAchieves@unl.edu](mailto:4HAchieves@unl.edu) in a single email message.

- Attach your current transcript high school transcript
- Attach a copy of your ACT or SAT score results  
ACT  
  
SAT

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### My Experiences – All Applicants Complete this Section

Answer the following items within a maximum three pages. Please use headings to separate your responses. Creativity is encouraged, use bullet lists, photos, infographics, etc. to help tell your 4-H story.

#### **4-H Experiences**

- Choose three 4-H program experiences. Describe the most meaningful accomplishment/outcomes of each experience, what you learned and how these experiences have or will impact your goals.
- Describe the depth and breadth of your 4-H experience, for example, years of experience, diversity of your experience and how you've grown in the experience.

#### **Leadership Experiences**

- Describe your 4-H and non 4-H leadership experiences in which your involvement has helped build your leadership skills. List the type of leadership (roles, activities, experiences); describe your duties, responsibilities and skills you utilized in each role and the dates involved with each.

#### **Community Involvement/Service Learning Experiences**

- Describe two times you were involved in volunteer service to others and/or the community through 4-H or other opportunities. List the type of involvement; describe your duties, responsibilities and skills you applied in each role; share the lessons learned from each; include the dates involved with each.

#### **Career Spark**

- Describe how your 4-H experiences have sparked your interest in a future career field.

### Representing Nebraska 4-H - Those Applying for National Trips Only Complete this Additional Section

In one additional page please respond to the items below. Your total application should not exceed four pages. Please use headings to separate your responses.

#### **Representing Nebraska 4-H**

- Please share why you would like to represent Nebraska 4-H as a delegate at this national leadership opportunity.

#### **Sharing Your New 4-H Leadership Experiences in Nebraska**

- If you are selected to attend one of these opportunities, how will you share the skills and knowledge you gain with others in your county and throughout Nebraska?
- How will you promote this leadership experience to other 4-H'ers, volunteers and decision makers?

Please think carefully about Nebraska and write two to three sentences for each topic below that you would share with county, state and national decision makers if chosen for this leadership experience.

#### **As a Nebraska 4-H youth leader, when I look at my state:**

- I am proud of . . . . .
- I am concerned about . . . . .
- I want to start . . . . in Nebraska.



My Experiences:









Representing Nebraska 4-H (National Application)

