National 4-H Congress

Selection Procedure

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<td>Grade 10-11 at time of application</td>
<td>Application must be submitted online by 11:59 PM February 1, 2015. Interview March 28, 2015</td>
<td>Evaluation &amp; interview at State level. Delegate cost $500. (Number selected contingent on donor support and total cost of trip.)</td>
<td>Application questions and up to 2 pages of support material (see application for format)</td>
<td>*Can attend one time only  *One national trip/year</td>
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Educational Objectives/Outcomes
Youth will:
- Address public issues of concern to youth.
- Commit to active roles in their communities.
- Share program content to other youth not attending the conference through presentations, distance learning, and technology.
- Identify opportunities to strengthen the involvement of other youth in local county and state 4-H programs.

Purpose
- Provide youth a high quality, relevant educational experience they would not otherwise obtain within their state.
- Provide a multi-track career development experience focused on current themes of high interest to youth including work force preparation and community service.
- Respond to the youth program priorities from states, including positive visibility for the 4-H youth development program.
- Create a learning environment comfortable for youth coming from diverse experiences.
- Develop leadership skills of youth by involving them as partners in planning and implementing the program.
- Recognize and celebrate the contributions youth currently make and will continue to make in their communities.
• Focus on positive experiences and accomplishments of youth who are examples for other youth.
General program format

- Congress delegates participate in educational workshops, large-group keynote sessions, team building workshops, cultural field trips, formal banquets, and community service. Participants will receive a schedule prior to the Congress so they can prepare for active participation.
- Other educational experience may include conflict resolution training, leadership development training, and cultural awareness workshops.
- Recreational, social, and cultural activities will be vital components of the program.

To learn more about National 4-H Congress, go to the State 4-H website http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities. Former delegates share highlights from their experience and why they applied to attend this National 4-H event.