The State 4-H Council exists to strengthen Iowa's total 4-H program, i.e., community and project clubs, special interest groups, and school enrichment programs. Members serve as 4-H ambassadors and partners with 4-H staff for planning, implementing, and evaluating 4-H programs. The State 4-H Council provides a significant leadership opportunity for older 4-H'ers beyond the area and county levels.

Composition of State 4-H Council
State 4-H Council members represent all parts of Iowa. We encourage representatives be selected from the community 4-H club program. An additional representative can be selected from 4-H'ers active in the other forms of 4-H delivery who is not also a community club member. ISU Collegiate 4-H clubs may have two representatives to the State 4-H Council.

Selection Procedure

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1. Members of the State 4-H Council perform an ambassador function for the Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program, complementing efforts of county and regional levels.
   - State Council ambassadors help stimulate interest in current program opportunities and increase the awareness of 4-H Youth programs to groups and persons outside of 4-H. They will need to wear State Council nametag, State Council shirt, or appropriate attire for speaking events.
     - Responsibilities might include representing 4-H at special group meetings, speaking engagements, organizing and supporting National 4-H Week efforts, plus assisting with the recruitment and recognition of donors and members.
     - Other program support might include providing area and county council training, officer training, and recruitment.
     - Promote at the regional level 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign, State 4-H Youth Conference and other statewide programs.

2. Provide youth input at the state level related to 4-H program issues. They will be one source of information regarding the identification of problems, development of guidelines and identification of new programs.

3. Assist in the planning and execution of state events and activities such as Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, Iowa State Fair, and National 4-H Week efforts under the direction of the State 4-H Youth Development staff.
4. Learn and practice leadership, citizenship, and interpersonal relations skills. Each member will serve on one State Council committee and one State Conference committee.

**Expectations of Council Members**

1. Newly selected Council members are expected to be full-time delegates to the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference - not ROUNDUP - **June 30 to July 2, 2015**. Be present at the installation ceremony during the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference of the year selected and participate in the following year's Iowa 4-H Youth Conference.

2. Make every effort to attend orientation training and Council retreats (approximately 3) during the year. Orientation training for the 2015-2016 State 4-H Council will be held at the Iowa 4-H Education and Natural Resources Center, scheduled for early **June 2015**. The schedule for the remaining retreats will be determined at the summer training.

3. Be concerned about the part that 4-H can play in the development of young people.

4. Be interested in personal growth through commitment to carry out tasks in a youth-adult partnership role.

5. Be interested in and enjoy working with others; respecting the differences of others.

6. Have lots of good ideas; the willingness to discuss ideas; and support decisions made by Council in partnership with Extension staff.

7. Be committed to work together with other Council members to carry out Council goals and responsibilities. Standing committees of Council are: Conference, Finance and Marketing. Additional Council committees will be identified to implement the new goals of State Council.

8. Be interested and willing to be a 4-H ambassador. Be an active liaison with assigned counties within their area and represent 4-H at the Iowa State Fair.

**Operational Procedures**

1. State 4-H Council members may receive partial reimbursement of expenses incurred at State 4-H Council retreats. "4-H'ers for 4-H" funds support this reimbursement.

2. Two members of the state 4-H staff will serve as advisors to the group. Adult volunteers will also serve as advisors.

3. The State 4-H Council members are a part of the total 4-H team. Extension staff can request Council Members, if they are available, to assist in a variety of ways appropriate for their role as 4-H ambassadors.

Go to [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities) for information on the State 4-H Council and the application process and [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statecouncil](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statecouncil) to learn more about State 4-H Council.