### National 4-H Congress

#### Selection Procedure

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<td>National 4-H Congress November 24 to 29, 2017</td>
<td>Grade 10-11 at time of application</td>
<td>Application must be submitted online by 11:59 PM February 1, 2017. Interview April 1, 2017*</td>
<td>Evaluation &amp; interview* at State level. Delegate cost $500 (tentative) (Number selected contingent on donor support and total cost of trip)</td>
<td>Online Application questions with upload of 1 to 2 pages of support material (see Organizing and Designing Your Application Materials for format)</td>
<td>Can attend one time only One national trip per year</td>
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*If unable to attend State 4-H Recognition Day in person on Saturday, April 1, 2017, applicants should submit no more than TWO applications and contact Cayla Taylor, cayla@iastate.edu, 515-294-1877 by February 22 to set up video or teleconference interviews. If applicant has submitted multiple applications and then find they cannot attend interviews on April 1, they must choose up to TWO of their submitted applications and contact Cayla Taylor ASAP to set up video or teleconference interviews. Video interviews will be conducted by 4-H Youth Field Specialists and submitted before March 20.

#### 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 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.