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The State 4-H Council exists to strengthen Iowa's total 4-H program. 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 development opportunity for older youth, engaging them in leadership beyond the local 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 any youth organization and all 4-H delivery modes. ISU Collegiate 4-H clubs may have two representatives to the State 4-H Council.

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 (provided), or appropriate attire for speaking events.

Responsibilities might include representing 4-H at special group meetings, speaking engagements,

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, the last week in June. Be present at the installation ceremony during the conference of the current year, and participate in the following year's Iowa 4-H Youth Conference.
2. Attend Council events during the year. Orientation training will be held at Clover Woods for 3 days during the first week of June. Remaining retreats (3-4) will be scheduled at the summer training.
3. Be concerned about the part that 4-H can play in the development of young people.
4. Be committed to personal growth through working in a youth-adult partnership role.
5. Be interested in and enjoy working with others; respecting the differences of others.
6. Discuss ideas and support decisions made by Council in partnership with Extension staff.
7. Learn and practice leadership, citizenship, and interpersonal relations skills.
8. Each member will serve on one State Council committee and one State Conference committee. Be committed to work together with other Council members to carry out goals and responsibilities.
9. Be a 4-H ambassador. Be an active liaison with assigned counties.
10. Assist with planning National 4-H Week activities and promotion.
11. Represent 4-H at the Iowa State Fair, and possibly serve in a planning capacity for some events.
12. Might provide area and county council training, officer training, and recruitment.
13. Provide youth input at the state level related to 4-H program issues. Assist with the identification of issues, development of guidelines and identification of new programs.
14. Promote at the regional level 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign.
15. Assist with the recruitment and recognition of donors and members.

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