



## **Montana 4-H Application for Youth Leadership Opportunities**

The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development is recruiting energetic, involved 4-H members to serve on three different governing bodies: (1) the Montana 4-H Council, (2) the Montana 4-H Foundation, and (3) the Montana 4-H Youth Cabinet. This single application can be used for any of these positions, and you should indicate which boards you wish to be considered for by checking the appropriate boxes.

### **Requirements:**

- You must be at least 14 years of age by October 1, 2008.
- You must not have served as a state 4-H ambassador officer (Being selected to a youth leadership position doesn't prevent you from running for a State Ambassador Officer position in the future).
- You must have been involved in the Montana 4-H program for at least 3 years.
- You must be willing to serve either a 1-year term or a 2-year term depending on position availability.
- You must be willing to actively participate in all meetings—both virtual and real time.
- You must have the approval of your county agent.

Below is a short description of each governing body and the leadership opportunities available.

### **Montana 4-H Youth Cabinet**

The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development is recruiting energetic, involved 4-H members to serve on the Montana 4-H Youth Cabinet. The purpose of the Youth Cabinet is to serve as an avenue for young people to provide advice and guidance to the Montana 4-H program. We are

interested in recruiting a broadly representative group of teens who can help move Montana 4-H into the future as a leader in youth development organizations. Each 4-H district may have 2 youth representatives. The Cabinet will meet 4 times each year.

If you are interested in serving on the Montana 4-H Youth Cabinet, please complete the following application form. Be sure to have it sent electronically by your county agent who works with the 4-H program. This will signify his/her approval of your involvement. Your agent should submit your application electronically to: [mt4h@montana.edu](mailto:mt4h@montana.edu)

### **Montana 4-H Council**

The Montana 4-H Council provides guidance to the Montana 4-H program and is advisory to the 4-H Center for Youth Development. The Council consists of two adult volunteer leaders from each of the eight 4-H districts in the state as well as four additional youth, two of whom are selected as "at large" members of the council. The Council is looking for applicants who are full of ideas for helping to promote and support 4-H programs, willing to provide a youth voice to the 4-H Council, and ready to help promote leadership training for both youth and adult leaders. The Council meets four times a year.

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### **Montana 4-H Foundation**

The Montana 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees serves to raise private funds to support the Montana 4-H program. More specifically, the 4-H Foundation assists with the financial support of the Montana 4-H program for members, volunteer leaders and Extension staff. Trustees provide oversight to the Foundation's financial resources.

In 2005, two "at large" youth positions were added to the Foundation's board of trustees. The Foundation is seeking dedicated, passionate young applicants to serve on the Foundation board and ensure a strong youth voice in the decisions of the Foundation.

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## Montana 4-H Youth Leadership Opportunities Application

Your application should be no longer than 3 pages total.

**Priority Consideration will be given to applications that are received by:  
September 1, 2008 by 5:00 PM.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (DD/MM/year): \_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Which positions would you like to be considered for? (Check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ Montana 4-H Youth Cabinet

\_\_\_\_\_ Montana 4-H Council

\_\_\_\_\_ Montana 4-H Foundation

1. Tell us why you would like to serve in a youth leadership position on one of these governing boards.
2. Describe some of your previous experiences in 4-H that have prepared you to serve in these kinds of leadership positions.
3. What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing 4-H in Montana?
4. Describe a situation where you were involved in resolving an issue or problem, and tell us what role you played in developing consensus or a resolution.

When submitting your application, please have it sent electronically by your County Extension Agent to [mt4h@montana.edu](mailto:mt4h@montana.edu). This process will signify their approval of your involvement should you be selected for one of these leadership positions.

*Some expenses for serving on these boards may be covered by the boards themselves.*