



STATE 4-H TEEN COUNCIL ADVISOR

VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

Kentucky 4-H/Youth Development Program
The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service
The University of Kentucky

POSITION TITLE:

State 4-H Teen Council Advisor

TIME REQUIRED / DURATION OF APPOINTMENT:

Four weekends per year for program planning and Senior Conference, held the third week of June.

LOCATION:

Four weekend meetings are held each year; three of which are at the Kentucky Leadership Center, near Jabez, Kentucky with the fourth being held on the University of Kentucky Campus in Lexington. Senior Conference is held at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

GENERAL PURPOSE:

The four adult teen council advisors serve as mentors and chaperones for the state teen council members. Serving in this capacity, they are responsible for youth development, including cognitive, social, emotional and physical as well as leadership development.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ★ Serve as an advisor to the state 4-H Teen Council and state 4-H officers.
- ★ Chaperone the state 4-H Teen Council and officers at meetings, activities and events.
- ★ Attend four state Teen Council meetings per year.
- ★ Serve with state 4-H officers and program assistants as a member of the Executive Committee.
- ★ Serve as an informational liaison between the state 4-H Teen Council and the county, area and state 4-H Councils and Teen Councils.
- ★ Serve on one or more committees of the state 4-H Teen Council.
- ★ Participate fully in state 4-H Teen Council meetings.
- ★ Offer advice and support to the state 4-H Officers and Teen Council.
- ★ Offer advice and support to the State Staff liaison working with Teen Council.
- ★ Serve as a mentor with a state 4-H Officer to provide counsel, guidance and develop leadership.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- ★ Undergo the Kentucky 4-H volunteer application and screening process and be accepted as a volunteer.

- ★ Have the ability to provide information and motivate youth while nurturing positive self esteem, decision-making, responsibility and leadership in the youth.
- ★ Have a sincere interest in sharing knowledge and experiences and skills with youth and adults in an informal educational setting.
- ★ Have the ability to organize information and material.
- ★ Have the ability to work and communicate effectively in verbal and/or written forms.
- ★ Have the ability to motivate youth to assume leadership positions.
- ★ Have the ability to work with minimal supervision from professional staff.
- ★ Have a sincere interest in working with youth and staff in an educational setting.
- ★ Be willing to become familiar with and work within the philosophy and guidelines of the University of Kentucky CES and the Kentucky 4-H/Youth Development Program.

BENEFITS:

- ★ The opportunity to interact with youth with diverse interests and backgrounds.
- ★ The opportunity to develop relationships and watch teens mature, grow and develop.
- ★ Educational opportunities will be provided to help the volunteer meet the needs of members, volunteers and parents.
- ★ Appropriate resource materials will be provided.
- ★ Opportunities for professionals to listen to volunteers' ideas to help improve the 4-H program will be available.
- ★ Volunteer awards and recognition are available.

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MENTOR/SUPERVISING PROFESSIONAL:

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Signature of Volunteer

Date

Signature of Extension Professional

Date

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