



**2017-2018
YOUTH COUNCIL
OFFICER
SELF-NOMINATION
PACKET**



**DUE TO THE COUNTY
4-H OFFICE
NO LATER THAN
March 9, 2017**

(Floor nominations may be made at the County Council Meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2017)

YOUTH COUNCIL OFFICER APPLICATION MANATEE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM ~ NO ADDITIONAL PAGES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Name _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Club(s) _____ Email _____

(Must be currently enrolled and active in a County 4-H Club or be an active Independent 4-H member in good standing and meet age and County Council attendance requirements)

INDICATE COUNCIL OFFICE THAT YOU SEEK

Indicate your FIRST CHOICE and your SECOND CHOICE. If not elected to 'first choice', candidate may "drop down" to seek election or appointment to ONE other office. MAXIMUM OF 2 POSITIONS MAY BE INDICATED.

The offices will be elected in order listed below, as Constitution dictates.

POSITIONS (Indicate your FIRST choice & SECOND choice)

1. President (must be 14 by 9/1/ of program year)	6. Historian** (must be at least 11 years old)
2. Council Delegate (must be 14 by 9/1/ of program year)	7. Reporter** (must be at least 11 years old)
3. Vice President (must be 14 by 9/1/ of program year)	8. Sergeant-at-Arms (must be at least 11 years old)
4. Secretary* (must be at least 14 years old)	9. Parliamentarian (must be at least 11 years old)
5. Treasurer* (must be at least 14 years old)	<small>*Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into one office if candidates to fill both are not available. **Historian & Reporter may be combined into one office if candidates to fill both are not available.</small>

How long have you been in 4-H? (Include this 4-H year) _____

To what clubs (4-H, school, church, and community) do you presently belong?

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:

What offices do you hold now or have you previously held (4-H Club, Exec Board or other)?

Please **circle office** or indicate other as it applies.

President	Vice President	Secretary
Treasurer	County Council Delegate	District Council Delegate
Reporter	Parliamentarian	Sergeant-at-Arms
Historian	Other (please specify)	

In what way(s) will you be of service to the Youth Council if elected? _____

Youth Council Officer Election Directives
Manatee County 4-H Youth Council Constitution

Section 1 - a. The **elected officers** of the Manatee County Youth Council will be **President, Delegate, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary/Treasurer, Historian, Reporter or Historian/Reporter**. These officers shall be called the Executive Board.

b. The **Parliamentarian and Sergeant-at-Arms** shall be **appointed** jointly by the Executive Board with the approval of the Council Advisor. They will then become members of that Board.

Section 2 - Elected Officers

a. Nominees to fill officers of the Council shall be self-nominated. They must be members of the Youth Council and have filled out the self-nomination application form.

b. Elections must take place before District Events (held the first weekend in May each year) so that the newly elected officers may represent Manatee County at the District Council meeting held at District Events. **Applications for office will be available in February, and they will be due at the March Youth Council meeting, along with a short biography to be published in the newsletter. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the March meeting. The nominee must be present at the meeting to accept the nomination and to complete an application. Campaign speeches and elections will be held in April.**

c. The election of officers shall be by the vote of the council members assembled. **Each club has two (2) voting delegates**, one being the President.

d. To be elected to an office, a candidate must receive a **simple majority of the votes cast**.

e. Officers shall be elected in this order: President, Delegate, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary/Treasurer, Historian, Reporter, or Historian/Reporter.

f. **If a nominee is not elected to an office, he/she may have the option to run for one other office, providing the 4-H'er has previously submitted an application and campaign speech for both offices.**

g. Candidates should run for an office only if they are **willing and able to attend Youth Council and Board meetings and fulfill their responsibilities. Failure to participate in Council and Board meetings or perform the duties of the office shall result in removal from office** at the discretion of the Executive Board and the Youth Council Advisor. Youth Council officers must notify Club President or Youth Council Advisor for an anticipated absence.

h. Officers shall hold office for one year. If the office is open (except President), a new officer shall be elected at the next meeting. If the Office of the President is open, the Vice-President will take office as President, a new Vice-President shall be elected.

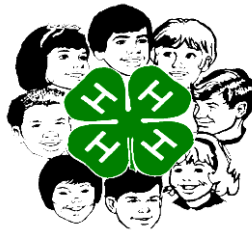
i. The President and Delegate are ex-officio members of Manatee County 4-H Foundation.

j. **To apply for a County Office, the member must have attended five meetings in the 4-H calendar year during which they apply.**

(NOTE: To qualify to run for a County Council Office you must have attended five (5) County Council Meetings prior to elections in April. Call the 4-H office to check on your attendance record. The record is based on attendance to the current 4-H year Youth Council Meetings for August - May. If you will be attending the March and/or April meetings to make the required five meetings, you may apply for a Council position.)

OFFICER POSITIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES

Office	Responsibilities
President (elected)	Shall preside over all meetings of the Council, appoint all committee chairpersons and members, and call special meetings as provided by the Constitution. Serves as an ex-officio member of all committees and performs other duties as provided by the Constitution and subjective to approval by the Executive Board. The President shall be an official delegate to the District meetings and State Council meetings held annually at 4-H University. (ex-Congress)
Council Delegate (elected)	Shall be an official delegate to District and State Council meetings held annually at 4-H University (ex-Congress,) and shall perform other duties provided by the Constitution and as required by the work of the Council. The Delegate shall preside when both the President and the Vice-President are absent. The Delegate is also responsible for sending Newsworthy articles to the State Historian.
Vice-President (elected)	Shall serve in the absence of the President and shall perform other duties as provided by the Constitution and as required by the work of the Council. The Vice-President shall serve as program chairman for the Youth Council. The Vice-President shall serve as alternate to District and State Council meetings.
Secretary (elected)	Shall keep the minutes of the Council and Executive Board meetings, call the roll, record all activities of the Council, attend to the correspondence of the Council, and perform duties as provided by the Constitution and as required by the work of the Council. The Secretary shall serve as an alternate to District and State Council meetings.
Treasurer (elected)	Shall maintain financial records and perform other duties as provided by the Constitution as required by the work of the Council. The Treasurer shall serve as an alternate to District and State Council meetings.
Historian (elected)	Shall maintain a scrapbook of all county events and activities, write a one-page history of the Youth Council through his/her term of office, and perform other duties as provided by this Constitution and as required by the work of the Council.
Reporter (elected)	Shall be responsible for a monthly Council column in the 4-H newsletter detailing Council news and perform other duties as provided by this Constitution and as required by the work of the Council.
Parliamentarian (appointed)	Shall advise the President on parliamentary procedure and shall perform other duties as provided by this Constitution and required by the work of the Council.
Sergeant at Arms (appointed)	Shall be responsible for the opening exercises at all meetings, care for the Council 4-H Effects, arrange for Thought of the Day at all meetings, and maintain meeting order and all other duties as requested by the President or as provided by this Constitution and as required by the work of the Council.



Things all 4-H members should know:

The National 4-H Emblem –

Is the four-leaf-clover with the letter “H” on each leaf. The four “H’s” represent the four-fold development of Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

The National 4-H Motto –

“To make the best better”

The National 4-H Pledge –

“I Pledge

My Head to clearer thinking,

My Heart to greater loyalty,

My Hands to larger service,

My Health to better living for my club, my community, my country and my world.”

The National 4-H colors –

Green and white

White is characteristic of purity and green is nature’s most common color in the great out-of-doors. It is emblematic of springtime, life, and youth.

The National 4-H Creed –

I believe in 4-H club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.

I believe in the training of my head for the power it will give me to think, to plan and to reason.

I believe in the training of my heart for the nobleness it will give me to become kind, sympathetic, and true.

I believe in the training of my hands for the dignity it will give me to be helpful, useful, and skillful.

I believe in the training of my health for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease, and to work efficiently. I believe in my country, my state, and my community, and in my responsibility for their development. In all these things I believe, and I am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.

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