



2022 - 2023

4-H DISTRICT OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES & CHECKLIST

Are you thinking of running for a District Officer position?

4-H GROWS TRUE LEADERS

Serving as an officer gives you valuable experience which you will use all your life. We encourage you to consider this opportunity - it can be life-changing.



DISTRICT OFFICER CANDIDATE CHECKLIST

4-H Officers will learn about teamwork, communication, program planning, parliamentary procedure, and the connection between citizenship, service and leadership.

Serving a district officer is a big responsibility. Here is a checklist for you to work through with your 4-H Agent, parent / guardian to help determine if you are prepared to run for a district officer position.

- ✓ Have you talked to your family and 4-H Agent about running for office?
- ✓ Can you balance school, work, and other commitments and still perform the duties required of your office?
- ✓ Are you committed to working as part of a team, attending training, and fully participating in county, district, and state events / programs?
- ✓ Are you willing to serve, provide leadership and support 4-Her's from across your district / state?
- ✓ Can you be respectful to others when they have different beliefs, thoughts, and opinions than you?
- ✓ Are you passionate about 4-H and willing to share that enthusiasm with others?
- ✓ Are you willing to make 4-H a priority for the term of your office?
- ✓ Are you willing to challenge yourself, have fun and grow as a leader?



Serving as an District Officer is BOTH an honor and a privilege.

✓ Are you prepared to pay for meetings / retreats during your term?
*Many counties provide scholarships - ask your 4-H Agent.

✓ Are you prepared to fulfill the duties described below for each office?

*Candidates must be at least 14 years of age (4-H age is based on age as of Jan. 1st) and have been a member of 4-H for 2 years to run for District office.

FOR MORE INFORMATION TALK TO YOUR 4-H AGENT



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OFFICER DUTIES

PRESIDENT

- ◆ Prepares meeting agendas with other officers & agent advisors.
- ◆ Presides at all meetings.
- ◆ Uses parliamentary procedure to conduct business meetings.
- ◆ Understands the responsibilities of other officers.
- ◆ Plans ways to encourage member engagement at events and meetings and delegates responsibility.
- ◆ Appoints committees as needed.
- ◆ Works with the Vice-President to preside at meetings / events if unable to attend.
- ◆ Provides leadership to the team while serving alongside their fellow officers.
- ◆ Communicates promptly with the team, agent advisors, and State Council Coordinator.
- ◆ Attend and fully participate in all District and State 4-H Council training, programs, and events.
- ◆ Performs other duties as assigned.

VICE PRESIDENT

- ◆ Presides at meetings if the President is absent.
- ◆ Learn the general duties of all Officers and Committees in order to substitute as may be required.
- ◆ Assists other officers with their duties as needed.
- ◆ Introduces educational program at events and meetings.
- ◆ Thanks the educational guest speakers, presenters, member demonstrators, etc.
- ◆ Assists committees as needed.
- ◆ Communicates promptly with the team, agent advisors, and State Council Coordinator.
- ◆ Attend and fully participate in all District and State 4-H Council trainings, programs, and events.
- ◆ Performs other duties as assigned.



SECRETARY / TREASURER



- ◆ Keeps an accurate written record of the business meetings.
- ◆ Writes thank you letters to speakers, sponsors, etc.
- ◆ Writes correspondence as directed by the President and/or advisor.
- ◆ Keeps an accurate account of all money received and spent.
- ◆ Gives a financial report at each 4-H business meeting.
- ◆ Gives an annual financial report at the final business meeting for the year.
- ◆ Work with the advisor to prepare a budget with the team.
- ◆ Balances the bank statement each month (if applicable).
- ◆ Assists committees as needed.
- ◆ Communicates promptly with the team, agent advisors, and State Council Coordinator.
- ◆ Attend and fully participate in all District and State 4-H Council trainings, programs and events.
- ◆ Performs other duties as assigned.

REPORTER

- ◆ Writes articles about 4-H and submits them to local news outlets.
- ◆ Takes photographs at 4-H meetings and events.
- ◆ Puts together the district 4-H scrapbook.
- ◆ Writes and posts social media posts re: 4-H.
- ◆ Collects pictures, articles, etc. from other officers and members to include in the scrapbook and for social media posts.
- ◆ Ensures that all postings and media releases are in good taste and up to 4-H standards.
- ◆ Understands the guidelines and policies re: using the 4-H Clover.
- ◆ Works with the State 4-H Reporter on multimedia efforts.
- ◆ Submit completed 4-H scrapbook to State 4-H Reporter.
- ◆ Assists committees as needed.
- ◆ Communicates promptly with the team, agent advisors and State Council Coordinator.
- ◆ Attend and fully participate in all District and State 4-H Council trainings, programs, and events.
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Membership Engagement

(NEW District & State Officer Position)

The Member Engagement officer will have both an inward and outward-facing position. Responsibilities include:

- ◆ Cultivate current member experience and engagement (i.e. Designing fun member engagement experiences and creative ways to recruit and retain members).
- ◆ Work to understand member needs, through direct interaction via F2F and virtual programs, email, and social media.
- ◆ Develop and coordinate service projects and other outreach efforts that are open to both members and non-members.
- ◆ Promote recruitment and retention campaigns, as well as target audiences, to assist marketing efforts.
- ◆ Celebrate member successes, big and small. Motivate and encourage members to reach their goals.
- ◆ Support collaborations and develop partnerships with other organizations to develop experiences and programs that reach new audiences and /or provide members new opportunities.
- ◆ Communicates promptly with the team, agent advisors, and State Council Coordinator.
- ◆ Attend and fully participate in all District and State 4-H Council training, programs, and events.
- ◆ Performs other duties as assigned.

- **Questions:** Please direct questions to Dr. Mitzi Downing, Assistant State 4-H Leader & State Council Coordinator (mitzi_downing@ncsu.edu).