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## Colorado Delegation for National 4-H Conference

**Event Dates:** March 28 – April 2, 2020  
**State Application Deadline:** January 3  
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**National 4-H Conference delegates have an opportunity to increase knowledge, resources, and skills that will empower them to make an impact on their community in a meaningful and genuine way.**

### Background

National 4-H Conference is the premier civic engagement opportunity for 4-H members (15-19 yrs.) who are actively engaged in 4-H programs across the U.S. and its territories. The conference is administered by 4-H National Headquarters of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). This experience upholds a tradition dating back to 1927. Delegates have the opportunity to practice and apply in a real world setting their newly developed and refined skills. The delegates choose an important societal topic and in round table groups prepare a briefing. During the conference, the groups present their briefing to federal officials around the Washington, D.C. area.

The conference will be held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland, one mile from the nation's capital. The Colorado 4-H delegation will include up to six youth and one adult advisor/chaperone. The State 4-H Office will make all registration and travel arrangements. The Colorado 4-H Foundation sponsors approximately 1/3 of the cost for youth to participate.

### Application Process

- 1. Counties** may nominate as many 4-H members as they deem qualified for this national 4-H opportunity. Submit the completed application(s) and a letter(s) of recommendation from the county agent to the State 4-H Office by January 3, 2020.
- 2. Applicants** will participate in an interview (telephone or face-to-face) by January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and final selection will be announced by January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.