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## Colorado Delegation for National 4-H Conference

**Event Dates:** April 11-16, 2025  
**State Application Deadline:** Friday, January 3, 2025  
**Contact:** Colorado State 4-H Office  
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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. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, so only members who have not attended the conference before are eligible to attend. The conference is administered by National 4-H Headquarters, part 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.

### Roundtables and Federal Briefings

This is a working conference where delegates are assigned a “Challenge Question” based on three topic preferences given at registration. Delegates meet with their roundtable groups both prior to and during the conference to research and prepare a 45-minute briefing. During the conference, the groups present their briefing to federal officials around the Washington, D.C. area. (See Federal Partners below.) There will be a career fair with the Federal Partners on Tuesday, April 15, from 1-3pm EST.

### Location and Details

The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, 2799 Richmond Hwy., Arlington, Virginia. **The Colorado 4-H delegation will include up to five youth and one adult advisor/chaperone.** The State 4-H Office will make all registration and travel arrangements. The State 4-H Office has usually been able to sponsor part of the cost for youth to participate. The estimated cost with State Office support already deducted is around \$1,250.

## Application Process

County 4-H Specialists nominate Senior 4-H member(s) ages 15-19 from their counties. Nominated members submit to the State 4-H Office (email [Lisa.Sholten@colostate.edu](mailto:Lisa.Sholten@colostate.edu)):

- a resume
- a cover letter explaining why they would like to attend the conference
- a letter of recommendation from the County 4-H Specialist.

Applications are due by Friday, January 3, 2025.

**Applicants** will participate in an interview (Zoom or face-to-face) on January 6 or 7, and final selection of the delegation will be announced by January 8, 2025. Selected delegates will need to upload additional completed paperwork and a headshot photo into 4-H Online by January 31, 2025.

## Payment

Make checks payable to CSU Extension by February 7, 2025.

## Mail to:

CSUE 4-H

Attn: National 4-H Conference

4040 Campus Delivery

Fort Collins, CO 8523-4040

If paying by internal transfer, contact Joy Bauder directly at [joy.bauder@colostate.edu](mailto:joy.bauder@colostate.edu).

Scholarships from National 4-H are available for this event. Once delegates are selected, they may submit a [scholarship application](#) to [National4-HConference@usda.gov](mailto:National4-HConference@usda.gov) using the subject line “National 4-H Conference Scholarship Program” by Friday, January 17, 2025. After February 24, the registration fee is non-refundable for cancellations. Once purchased, flights are non-refundable. If the delegate cannot attend, a substitute may be selected to cover the cost of registration and flights (and flight change fee) up until March 10.

## Federal Partner Challenge Questions

