Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), is National 4-H Council’s premier leadership and citizenship program for high school age students. While it typically takes place in Washington, D.C., this year it will be held in a virtual format. Vermont 4-H will be offering a full scholarship to 8 teens to participate!

Scholarship Expectations: If accepted to attend the virtual CWF, then we expect you to make a 100% commitment to full participation in all program activities and weekly assignments. We also expect that delegates chosen will host a virtual roundtable discussion for Vermont teens to discuss what you learned, highlight your action plans, and make connections to see if other youth can help take action steps in Vermont.

Program Schedule: Review the program schedule listed on the back side.

Apply at www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements
Open to all youth in grades 9-12
June 21, 28, July 6, 12, 19, 2021 virtual conference
Applications Due No Later Than April 30, 2021
Full Scholarship Covers $250 Registration Fee

To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Lauren Traister at 1-800-260-5603 by April 30, 2021 so that we may assist you.
The virtual CWF program will take place once a week, for 5 weeks, beginning Monday, June 21, 2021. Elevating youth voice and strategies for being effective change agents are the focus of the entire five-week virtual CWF experience. Each week will explore new topics in these areas:

Week 1 (June 21, 6-9 pm) – Empathy, Active Listening & Civil Discourse
- Defining Empathy and Discussing Why Cultures of Empathy are Successful
- An Active Listening Experience & Civil Discourse Workshop

Week 2 (June 28, 6-9 pm) – Exploring National Topics
- Media Literacy, Town Halls, Introduction to Action Plans

Week 3 (July 6, 6-9 pm) – A Local Focus
- A Constituency Simulation
- Who’s in Charge – From Which Officials Would You Need Approval to Make Change?

Week 4 (July 12, 6-9 pm) – Change Making Strategies
- How We Create Change: Bottom-up Strategies
- First Draft of Action Plans & Peer Reviews

Week 5 (July 19, 6-9 pm) – Action Plan Symposium
- Celebrating and Sharing Action Plans

What you can expect:
- Two to three hours of interactive, synchronous virtual programming on Zoom each week including:
  - Expert speakers with live Q&A
  - Small breakout discussion groups with other youth from across the county
  - Time to regroup with your state delegation for action planning and next steps
  - Virtual facilitation by our highly trained and licensed collegiate program assistant team
  - Weekly asynchronous assignments to build on learning objectives and prepare for the next week’s programming
  - CWF Swag Bag with virtual participation materials and accessories delivered directly to each participant

Contact Lauren.Traister@uvm.edu with any questions.