

4-H Teen Time



Shaping the Future

Vermont 4-H will be offering a **full scholarship to 8 teens** to participate in the **2021 National 4-H Conference!** National 4-H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Civic Engagement, providing the opportunity for young people to connect, learn, engage, lead and impact their communities, their nation and their world.

At the conference, participants prepare and present briefings on **important societal topics** to federal officials in Washington, D.C. Youth also have the opportunity to engage in personal development experiences that increase their knowledge, resources, and skills while discussing topics affecting youth.

Participants not only **learn** while at the conference: you will be empowered to create positive social change in your communities and have the opportunity to **practice** and **apply** your skills in a real-world setting.

Apply at www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements

Open to all youth in grades 9-12

April 10-14, 2021 virtual conference

Pre-conference planning meetings TBD

Applications Due No Later Than February 10, 2021

Full Scholarship Covers \$325 Registration Fee

To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Lauren Traister at 1-800-260-5603 by February 10, 2021 so that we may assist you.



Tentative Schedule

Saturday & Sunday April 10 - 11: 11am-9pm EST

Monday April 12: 4pm - 9pm EST

Tuesday, April 13: 1pm - 4pm EST

Note: At the conference Youth Delegates participate in Roundtables to explore current issues affecting youth and the role 4-H can play in addressing them. Roundtable groups will develop a presentation on their findings and discussions to share with a federal agency's key decision makers. These briefings must be done when agencies are open so you might need to miss school during this time.

Wednesday, April 14: Daytime hours TBD and 6pm - 8pm EST

Time blocks: Virtual hours are set in time blocks, but please note that not all time in the block must be spent in a virtual session. Block activities may include ice breakers, briefing work, team building, official welcomes, formal presentations, and more.

Pre-Conference: Participants can also expect to meet virtually, via ZOOM, during the weeks leading up to the conference to work on agency briefings, with their collegiate facilitators. These meetings will be scheduled once topic assignments are made.

Scholarship Expectations: If accepted to attend the National 4-H Conference, then we expect you to make a 100% commitment to full participation in all conference activities. We also expect that delegates chosen will host a roundtable discussion for Vermont teens to discuss what you learned, highlight your issue areas, and make connections to see if action steps can be taken in Vermont.

Learn more: To get a sense of previous conferences, go to: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-4-h-conference/#!schedule-sessions> to learn about the round table discussions and the general schedule. The virtual conference will try to keep many of the same components of the in-person experience.



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