Join a 4-H Teen Leadership Board

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Senior 4-H’ers interested in taking their leadership skills to the next level can apply for a position on one of Kentucky 4-H’s Teen Leadership Boards. All boards are now taking applications for members through May 1.

Teen Leadership Boards are focused in specific content areas of 4-H Youth Development. Kentucky 4-H offers leadership boards in fashion, healthy living, shooting sports, performing arts, social justice, natural resources and environmental sciences, and science, engineering and technology. Through the boards, 4-H members have an opportunity to build their leadership skills while meeting other youth from across the state who share similar interests. These positions can help young people springboard into a larger 4-H leadership position such as serving on the State Teen Council or as a state officer.

Teens who serve on leadership boards are selected for their leadership, passion and proficiency in their particular area. During their yearlong term, they serve as ambassadors for their board and will engage in various statewide leadership opportunities including planning and teaching workshops for younger 4-H members, advising 4-H specialists on statewide programs and promoting their discipline at 4-H events.

4-H’ers in eighth through 11th grades can apply for a position on one of the boards for the 2021-2022 year. Each teen leadership board has its own eligibility criteria, application and selection process. More information is available online at <http://4-h.ca.uky.edu/state_teen_boards> or by contacting the (COUNTY NAME) office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

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