Texas 4-H Council Membership Requirements

This internal communication document is to be provided annually to all Texas 4-H members in advance of district officer elections for representation on the Texas 4-H Council.

1. Texas 4-H Council membership is open to all youth, irrespective of race, color, disability, sex, religion, or national origin. Representation may consist of three delegates from each District 4-H Council selected at the District level according to state/district guidelines. One of the delegates should represent a diverse population.

2. Council members must:
   - reach their 16th birthday and
   - must not have reached their 19th birthday on or before August 31st of the calendar year in which they are installed on the Texas 4-H Council.

3. Delegates shall be eligible to attain and hold membership on the Texas 4-H Council for only one year.

4. Texas 4-H Council membership only occurs after participation and completion of the entire Texas 4-H Council Workshop scheduled for July 27-30, 2015 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood. ($300 approximate registration fee plus travel) If an elected district delegate is unable to participate in the entire workshop, they forfeit their space on the Texas 4-H Council to another District delegate. They will still retain their elected district office.

5. There are specific events/activities/meetings that are required of the (6) elected officers (President; 1st VP; 2nd VP; Secretary; Public Relations; Health and Safety) and encouraged for all members: (some dates are tentative and subject to change)
   - State Fair of Texas Honor Awards (October 6, 2015 /tentative/ – Dallas) -1 night lodging expense
   - Fall Meeting (October 16-18, 2015 – TX 4-H Conference Center) -registration cost at Center
   - Junior Leadership Retreat (November 13-15, 2015 –TX 4-H Conference Center) -registration cost at Center
   - January Planning Meeting (January 8-10, 2016 –TX 4-H Conference Center) -registration cost at Center
   - Texas 4-H Roundup (June 4-10, 2016 –College Station) -registration, meals and lodging
   - Texas 4-H Congress (July 15-20, 2016 –Austin) -registration, meals and lodging
   - Web Meetings (dates to be distributed during Workshop)

6. Officer Positions:
   - Executive Committee
     President
     First Vice-President
     Second Vice-President
     Secretary
     Public Relations Officer
     Health and Safety Officer

7. Officer Election Process:
   - Officers shall be elected at the Texas 4-H Council Workshop.
   - Officer campaigning is not allowed.
   - Nominations are by ballot.
   - A majority constitutes an election.
   - Candidates are given a topic and have two minutes to prepare their thoughts and speak before the group.

I have read and understand this document and a copy of the Texas 4-H Council Standing Rules.