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, national origin or genetic information. 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,
   - 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 and
   - be a student in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade for the year serving on 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 25-28, 2016 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood. ($350 registration fee plus travel) **If an elected district delegate is unable to participate in the entire workshop, they forfeit their spot 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 4, 2016 /tentative/ – Dallas)* -1 night lodging expense
   - Fall Meeting *(October 21-23, 2016 – TX 4-H Conference Center)* -$125 approximate expense
   - Junior Leadership Retreat *(November 11-13, 2016 – TX 4-H Conference Center)* -$125 approximate expense
   - January Planning Meeting *(January 6-8, 2017 – TX 4-H Conference Center)* -$125 approximate expense
   - Texas 4-H Roundup *(June 10-16, 2017 /tentative/ – College Station)* -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.

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

__4-H Member Signature__  __Date__  __County Extension Agent Signature__  __Date__

__Parent/Guardian Signature__  __Date__  __District 4-H Specialist Signature__  __Date__