



# U.S. National 4-H Conference Professional Development Opportunity



## Who attends?

Approximately 250 4-H youth members from across the United States, aged 15 to 19 years.

4-H Canada has been sending a delegation of 10 senior youth members from across Canada and two chaperones to this conference annually for more than 30 years.

## What is the U.S. National 4-H Conference?

Over four days, delegates discuss topics affecting youth and 4-H programming nationwide, engaging in personal development experiences that increase their knowledge, resources, and skills. Delegates not only learn while at the conference: they are also empowered to create positive social change in their communities and have the opportunity to practice and apply their skills in a real-world setting. It is important to remember that this is an American conference and is very much based on American policies and regulations.

## When does it take place?

Saturday, March 28 to Thursday, April 2, 2020. Members of the Canadian delegation will connect at Toronto's Pearson International Airport, clear customs as a group, and travel together to Washington's Dulles International Airport. Ground transportation is pre-arranged to transport the group from the airport to the conference center and back again.

## Where does it take place?

The [4-H Conference Center](#) in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Most of the time is spent at the Conference Center. Most meals, accommodations and learning takes place on site at this facility. Buses are provided from the conference center for a Monument Tour one evening, and to transport delegates to and from Washington on Wednesday when they visit the Canadian Embassy.

## Why take advantage of this professional development opportunity as a chaperone?

- Connect with other like-minded professionals who deliver a world-class 4-H program
- Learn about 4-H in the U.S. and the way their program is delivered
- Observe a youth-led conference and the development of roundtable presentations
- Support a group of Canadian delegates as they learn and grow through this life-changing experience

## How much does it cost?

- The province will be responsible for the cost of registration (\$1,200) and will be invoiced by 4-H Canada; accommodations and most meals are included in the registration fee
- Each participant is required to have a valid passport and out-of-country travel insurance, the cost of which is the responsibility of the participant
- Baggage fees are the responsibility of those travelling
- The chaperones will be responsible for paying for their own dinner on Wednesday evening and any meals on route

**Interested?** Provinces should direct applicants to the online application found at <https://apply.4-h-canada.ca> from **September 1 through October 31, 2019**. 4-H Canada will contact provincial offices to let them know that an application has been submitted by someone from within their province, and they will need to confirm that this applicant should be considered. An internal committee will review the nominations and the successful candidate and provincial office will be notified by November 6, 2019.

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