



ILLINOIS 4-H TEEN LEADERSHIP

Finding the role that's best for you

AS A 4-H TEEN LEADER, I LIKE

PLANNING
iPlan

IN THIS 4-H TEEN LEADER ROLE, THESE ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES I WOULD HAVE

I will help improve 4-H in my county or state by working with staff to carry out shows, camps, contests, service opportunities and events. I will have a voice in what happens in my county 4-H program.

GET INVOLVED

Federation
Planning
Committees

PROMOTING
iPromote

I am passionate and knowledgeable about 4-H and willing to encourage others to get involved. In this role, I may be asked to give a speech, talk with a prospective member, or share my story with adults. Presenting a positive image of 4-H is my main responsibility.

4-H Ambassador
Speaking for
Illinois 4-H

TEACHING
iTeach

Teaching is a powerful way to grow my skills in listening, decision-making, and communicating. I will be expected to plan and lead a progression of lessons for younger youth. This will help me develop as a confident educator.

4-H Teen Teacher
Workshop Leader

MENTORING
iMentor

As a mentor to others, I'll be teaching important life skills, providing opportunities to try new things and having fun. By being a positive role model, I'll increase my own levels of leadership and responsibility as I help others.

Camp Counselor
Tech Wizard
Mentor
Cloverbud Leader
Junior Leader

ADVOCATING
iAdvocate

I can have a voice in making positive change as a 4-H advocate. I'll work with local leaders and government officials to improve my community, while I gain skills in research, analysis, critical thinking, communication and teamwork.

Change Advocate
Hunger Advocate
Citizen Scientist

ADVISING
iAdvise

I will work with other youth and adults as partners, serving as a youth voice to make recommendations for informed decisions. I may serve on a committee or council which helps guide the local or state 4-H program or serve as a 4-H representative on a fair board or community advisory council.

Local Committees
Extension Council
Expansion &
Review
Committee

AGE REQUIREMENTS MAY VARY FOR EACH ROLE





COUNTY & STATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEEN LEADERS

PLANNING

4-H GREAT DEBATE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members work with staff to plan the annual State 4-H Great Debate, a two-day event at the Illinois State Capitol.
OPEN TO YOUTH 14 to 18 YEARS OF AGE.

PLANNING

ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members work with staff and volunteers to plan the annual Illini Summer Academies, a 4-day conference held on the University of Illinois campus.
OPEN TO YOUTH 14 to 18 YEARS OF AGE.

PROMOTING

SPEAKING FOR ILLINOIS 4-H

Members receive advanced training in public presentations to prepare for meetings with county and state elected officials, potential donors, civic groups, and new volunteers. SFI4H youth assist with state legislative events.
OPEN TO YOUTH 14 to 18 YEARS OF AGE.

PROMOTING

4-H SCIENCE AMBASSADORS

Members share their excitement about science with others. Opportunities may include:

- Giving a talk or demonstration on your 4-H project;
- Speaking at meetings to spark interest in science;
- Facilitate the National Youth Science Day Experiment;
- Staff information tables at science events.

OPEN TO YOUTH 12 to 18 YEARS OF AGE.

TEACHING

4-H TEENS AS TEACHERS

4-H Teen Teachers are responsible for planning and leading a series of educational activities for younger youth in a project area. 4-H Teen Teachers are:

- Trained and prepared to teach;
- Supported by a mentor;
- Learning by teaching others;
- Working with other teens and mentors;
- Serving as a positive role model;
- Selecting activities and planning lessons;
- Teaching a series of learning experiences for younger youth using a variety of teaching methods.

OPEN TO YOUTH 13 to 18 YEARS OF AGE.

MENTORING

4-H CAMP COUNSELORS

Counselors provide positive role models for youth attending summer 4-H camps by

- Providing a safe, educational, and fun environment;
- Focusing on involving all youth in activities regardless of personality or experience.

AGE VARIES WITH RESPONSIBILITIES.

ADVOCATING

4-H HUNGER ADVOCATE

Illinois 4-H is fighting hunger through the 4-H Feeding and Growing Our Communities program. 4-H Hunger Advocates work to improve food security for people in their community by:

- Growing fresh produce and donating to local food pantries, soup kitchens or shelters;
 - Sponsoring canned food drives;
 - Hosting food packaging events;
 - Participating in "Plant a Row for the Hungry."
- AGE VARIES WITH RESPONSIBILITIES.

ADVOCATING

4-H CITIZEN SCIENTIST

Citizen Scientists collect and report data to support scientific research, such as the water quality of local streams.
OPEN TO YOUTH 12 to 18 YEARS OF AGE.

ADVOCATING

ENGAGING YOUTH FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

Youth work on real social and community change projects such as smoke-free public spaces, healthier school foods options, greenways and parks, or expanding local food banks to include fresh fruits and vegetables. Change Agents will:

- Develop stronger bonds to their community;
 - Develop positive relationships with caring adults who value their input;
 - Become contributing community members.
- OPEN TO YOUTH 12-18 YEARS OF AGE.

ADVISING

4-H REPRESENTATIVE ON ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU YOUTH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Two Illinois 4-H members serve on this committee to plan youth trips, youth conferences, and youth awards. Terms are for 1 year.
OPEN TO YOUTH 17 to 19 YEARS OF AGE.

PLANNING

4-H JUNIOR LEADERS

4-H members who have effective leadership skills may work with adult volunteers as Junior Leaders. Junior Leaders may:

- Assist with member recruitment;
- Assist with program planning;
- Plan and conduct special club activities;
- Teach a project workshop;
- Help members set project goals.

OPEN TO YOUTH 12 to 18 YEARS OF AGE.

PLANNING

ILLINOIS STATE 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM (YLT)

YLT offers an opportunity for teens to plan 4-H programs and represent Illinois at state and national events. Responsibilities are to:

- Plan, coordinate and evaluate the state Junior Leadership Conference;
- Provide leadership and public relations at events.

OPEN TO YOUTH 16 to 21 YEARS OF AGE for 2-year terms.

PROMOTING

TEACHING

MENTORING

ADVISING