

Oklahoma AGRICULTURE YOUTH COUNCIL

What is the Agriculture Youth Council and what does it do?

This council was created by the Secretary of Agriculture, Blayne Arthur, in order to provide future leaders of the agriculture industry an experience that cultivates professional development and broadens horizons while developing a potential workforce for Oklahoma. Council members will visit Oklahoma agricultural companies and organizations, learn about the legislative process and how it affects the agriculture industry, shadow industry professionals, and hone professional skills. Members will serve a one year term on the council.

Mission Statement:

To develop future agriculture leaders in Oklahoma through professional development, industry exposure and experiential learning.

Our Goal:

To develop potential Oklahoma agriculture employees by teaching professional skills, exposing members to diverse agriculture operations and offering short-term job experience in agriculture fields.

What is the selection process and how many are chosen?

The Agriculture Youth Council is chosen by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry. Applicants will be notified by April 15 if chosen for an interview. Eight to ten high school seniors will be chosen after interviews are held.

Who is eligible to be a member of the Agriculture Youth Council and what is required?

High school seniors from any county in Oklahoma are eligible to apply. Membership in 4-H/FFA is NOT required. Travel to and from the State Capitol is required; however, travel to tours will be provided from the Capitol. If students are selected and fail to regularly attend meetings, tours, or be actively involved with the council, they will be dismissed.

Please submit the following with your application:

1. Resume
2. High School Transcript
3. Essay Questions – *Must be typed*



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NAME _____ GENDER _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

COUNTY _____ BIRTHDAY _____

CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____ GPA _____

PARENT'S NAMES _____

Please rank the following in order of preference:

- Forestry _____
- Commodity Crop Production _____
- Specialty Crop Production _____
- Animal Agriculture _____
- Regulation _____
- Agritourism _____
- International Trade _____
- Law Enforcement _____
- Agriculture Policy _____
- Agriculture Communication _____
- Science Technology _____

Answers should not exceed one page; Times New Roman, 12 point font, Single Spaced

1. Please explain why you want to serve as a member of the Agriculture Youth Council and what you hope to gain from the experience.
2. Describe your involvement in agriculture; past, present & future.

By signing this application I understand that if selected, I will be expected to attend all events, tours, meetings and fully participate in group discussions at all Agriculture Youth Council sponsored events. I understand if I do not uphold this promise, I will be dismissed from the council and all remaining events for the year.

Name: _____ Date: _____

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