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TO: 4-H Older Youth Members

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RE: 2022 4-H Older Youth Eligibility

Congratulations! You have reached a point in your 4-H career where **you are now eligible to become part of our Older Youth program!** *Who are "Older Youth"?* Any current 4-H member in grades 8-12 are invited to take part or apply to county, state, and/or national opportunities only available to members in these age groups. ***Older Youth are not just Camp Counselors, Junior Fair Board, and Food and Fashion Board members!***

Members currently in 8th grade receiving this information are only eligible to apply for Food and Fashion Board and Leadership Washington Focus (LWF).

Meeting dates for 2022 will be announced on our Facebook page and web site. Teens interested in the many available options are not required to attend these meetings; however, **we highly encourage attendance** so staff have an opportunity to get to know you. By participating in these meetings, you'll receive ways to enhance your leadership skills; new activities to share with your club; information of local and state events and opportunities; the opportunity to meet other teens; and have fun!

The Older Youth Application is due by 4:00 p.m. on November 8, 2021. The deadline is final! Applications are also available online as a fillable PDF document (go.osu.edu/olderyouth). Applicants are required to schedule an appointment after returning their application to the Extension office. Appointments are being made through SignUpGenius at go.osu.edu/2022OlderYouthInterview. Youth only interested in Food and Fashion Board, Leadership Camp, Citizen Washington Focus, or Leadership Washington Focus do not need an interview.

High school seniors who will be furthering their education will be interested in the many scholarship opportunities available to them. Visit <https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships> for a listing of scholarships available through the State 4-H office. State scholarships are due by February 15. The Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee sponsors a scholarship; applications will be available in the spring on our web site (go.osu.edu/olderyouth).

Older youth who previously served as Camp Counselors will want to consider attending ***Making eXtreme Counselors*** (MXC). This is an interactive and quick-paced training. Specific information will be available on the State 4-H web site <https://go.osu.edu/mxc>. If interested in attending, contact Kiersten. Registration is usually due the end of January. Cost is to be determined.

Our advisors look forward to meeting you and are excited for this "new" level of county 4-H programming. Mark your calendars with all the important dates!

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Tuscarawas County Older Youth Opportunities Coversheet

This form must accompany all applications due by November 8, 2021.

Print clearly. All information required.

ALL APPLICANTS
Attach Recent Photo Here

Name _____ Age (as of 1/1/22) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Applicant's Email Address _____

Parent's Email Address _____
(if different from applicant's)

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Club _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Years in 4-H (including current) _____ Grade in School _____

School District _____
(DISTRICT NAME ONLY – not school building name)

I certify that the information provided on this coversheet and enclosed applications is correct and accurately reflects abilities and performance.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Interest Areas

Check **all** opportunities you wish for consideration. **More** county, state, national, and international 4-H Older Youth opportunities located at: <https://go.osu.edu/olderyouth>. *If interested in a trip, please include a brief one-paragraph statement why you should be selected and what you hope to gain from the experience (space provided on back).

- Making eXtreme Counselors (MXC) (Dates TBA) <https://www.ohio4h.org/camp/mxc-workshop>
- *Leadership Camp (Dates TBA) (for youth ages 15-18) <https://ohio4h.org/camp/leadership-camp>
- *Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) (Dates TBA)
<https://ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/citizenship-washington-focus>
- *Sea Camp (likely July 2022) <https://ohio4h.org/camp/sea-camp>
- *Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) (Dates TBA) (for youth entering grades 7-9)
<https://4-h.org/parents/leadership-washington-focus>
- Food and Fashion Board (for youth currently in 8th grade and up)
- Camp Counselor (Camp is **tentatively** June 26-30, 2022)
- Junior Fair Board (Tuscarawas County Fair is September 19-25, 2022)
- Other (use additional sheet if necessary): _____

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Use this space to explain why you should be selected for a state trip.