2027 National Ignite by 4-H Summit

Open to Enrolled 4-H High School Aged Teens

Background:

Ignite by 4-H is a national summit designed to bring high school youth (between 14-18) together from across the country and give them the opportunity to explore the best 4-H has to offer in different tracks including Agriscience, Animal Science, Community Accelerators, Healthy Living and STEM. A hallmark of Ignite is the Lead to Change campaign which empowers youth to be *Agents of Change* where you (as a delegation) will create and present a proposal to address issues within your community. The best proposals are then awarded funding for implementation. In 2027, Ignite by 4-H returns for youth to attend in-person in Washington D. C. during March 17-21, 2027.

Ignite Summit Structure:

- Delegates self-select into different tracks
- Delegates self-select into different workshops, breakout sessions and offsite field experiences
    - Workshops may include hands-on experiences or engagement with renowned speakers
    - Breakout sessions include career exploration and work readiness opportunities
    - Offsite field experiences include extended learning of D.C. areas (differ each year)
- Delegates will work together to develop, present and submit a Lead to Change proposal
    - If funded, delegates will work together to implement the proposal post-summit

Ohio 4-H 2027 Ignite Delegation

This year, we will select roughly 15-20 teens to attend. **The individuals selected must be available for the conference dates of March 17-21, 2027, and commit to pre/post-summit expectations.** Summit registration and travel expenses will be covered.

SELECTION PROCESS:

1. Interested Ohio 4-H members must complete an application via Qualtrics at go.osu.edu/4hignite by **September 15 at 8:59 p.m**. Applicants must be high school aged, (between 14-18 as of January 1, 2027) and enrolled as an Ohio 4-H member.
2. After an application is received, the State 4-H Office may request a referral from county 4-H professionals or other 4-H professionals for the respective candidate.
3. A selection board will review applications and conduct interviews, as needed.
4. Those selected will be expected to fully engage in all pre/post-summit and summit activities and adhere to all National 4-H guidelines, complete all required work as a result of Ignite participation, and share knowledge gained with Ohio 4-H upon their return.

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National Ignite by 4-H Summit 2027 Sample Application

(do not fill out this sample, apply online at go.osu.edu/4hignite)

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____

County of 4-H Membership _____ Birth Date _____ Current Age _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mobile Phone _____ Home Phone _____ E-Mail _____

School _____ Grade _____ Years in 4-H _____

Ethnicity (circle one) Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (check all that apply)

___ White
___ Black or African American
___ American Indian or Alaskan Native
___ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
___ Asian
___ Prefer not to state

Rank the following Topic Tracks in order of preference with 1 = most preferred and 5 = least preferred.

___ Agriscience Track
___ Animal Science
___ Community Accelerators
___ Healthy Living Track
___ STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Track

Answer the following prompts:

1. Describe why you would like to attend National Ignite by 4-H Summit and what you are hoping to gain by attending the event. (200 words or less)

2. Describe your leadership experiences and explain why you are the best candidate to lead or enact positive changes in your community. (200 words or less)

3. **Video submission** Identify and explain one issue or challenge that youth face today in your community. Describe one idea you have for addressing the issue. In your response, incorporate how delegates located in different counties could work together to address the issue. (2 minutes or less video)