

What is TLC?

The Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council is a statewide leadership group of 4-H teens and 4-H alumni that provide a youth stakeholder perspective in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of Ohio 4-H programming. Council members develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations needed for future success. Council members offer advice and recommendations to state 4-H faculty and staff in order to improve, strengthen, and maintain the Ohio 4-H program. Members recommend policy and direction for Ohio 4-H teen programs and opportunities. They serve as a sounding board for Ohio 4-H program direction.

Resources and References

For more information about the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council please go go.osu.edu/TLC You can also email the advisors: Hannah Epley: epley.24@osu.edu or Becca Goodman: goodman.230@osu.edu .



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TLC Opportunities

The Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council (TLC) are teens from across the state that work together to improve Ohio 4-H programming, administration, and relevance to youth in today's society through cooperation with State 4-H leaders, active support of new and innovative 4-H programming, and advocacy for 4-H and youth issues. The TLC's officers establish and moderate the agenda for the Council membership with the support of the TLC advisors. TLC members are the face of 4-H and get the opportunity to work together within their counties, state and national 4-H. Being a member of the TLC is an opportunity to make lifelong friends across the state, learn how much work goes into making 4-H work smoothly, and develop skills that will be able to be used for the rest of your life. Joining the TLC is an opportunity that everyone should get involved in.

Requirements

The criteria for TLC membership shall include:

- Individuals must be 14-18 as of January 1 of the year of application to apply for white, green, silver, and gold levels. Platinum level must be 18-20 years old (as of January 1) when they apply.
- At the time of application, applicants must be enrolled as 4-H members per the Ohio 4-H membership criteria. Platinum level applicants must be current 4-H members or 4-H alumni.
- Platinum level applicants must also undergo the Ohio 4-H volunteer selection process.

Program Structure

The Teen Leadership Council has five levels of membership: White, Green, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

- **White: Member Level** (individual can be at this level 1st-4th years on council) participation in events, do not serve on a committee or hold a leadership role(s) within the council. Members attend 4 face to face meetings per year and are responsible to work 7 statewide events.
- **Green: Committee Level** (individual can be at this level 1st-4th years on council) in addition to participation in events, individuals will serve on a committee. Members will attend 6 face to face meetings per year (4 general meetings, 2 committee meetings) in addition to committee calls. Members are also responsible to work 6 statewide events along with committee work.
- **Silver: Committee Chair Level** (individual can be at this level 2nd - 4th years on council) in addition to participation in events, individuals would be responsible for running a committee (and participating in committee work). Members will attend 6 face to face meetings per year (4 general meetings, 2 committee meetings) and 2 conference calls (committee conference calls with officers) in addition to subcommittee conference calls per year. Members will be responsible for working 5 statewide events along with committee work.
- **Gold: Officer Level** (individual can be at this level 2nd - 4th years on council) in addition to participate in events, individuals would be responsible for particular officer duties, being the first contact for a "youth voice" perspective for statewide programs. Members will attend 6 face to face meetings, 6 conference calls, and an officer retreat per year. Members are responsible for working 3 statewide events along with performing other duties.
- **Platinum: Junior Advisor Level** (individual can be at this level 3rd -5th years on council); must be 18-20 as of January 1 when applying. In order to be considered, youth must have previously been at the gold or silver level, but not necessarily in the previous year. Members are responsible for overseeing an entire state program or event.