

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

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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 council member, committee member and chair, and officer positions. Junior Advisor applicants 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. Junior Advisor applicants must be current 4-H members or 4-H alumni.
- Junior Advisor applicants must also undergo the Ohio 4-H volunteer selection process.

Program Structure

The Teen Leadership Council (TLC) has five levels of membership: Council Members, Committee Members, Committee Chairs, Officers, and Junior Advisors.

- Council Members-participate in events, do not serve on a committee or hold a leadership role within the council. Council members attend 4 face-to-face meetings per year and work about 7 statewide events. (Individuals may apply for this level for up to their 4th year on TLC)
- Committee Members--in addition to participating in events, these individuals serve on a committee. Committee members attend 6 face-to-face meetings per year (4 general meetings & 2 committee meetings) in addition to committee calls. Committee members work about 6 statewide events along with committee work. (Individuals may apply for this level for up to their 4th year on TLC)
- Committee Chairs--in addition to participating in events, individuals are responsible for running a committee (and participating in committee work). Committee Chairs 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. Committee Chairs work about 5 statewide events along with committee work. (Individuals can be at this level from their 2nd - 4th years on TLC)
- Officers--in addition to participating in events, individuals are responsible for particular officer duties, being the first contact for a "youth voice" perspective for statewide programs. Officers attend 6 face-to-face meetings, 6 conference calls, and an officer retreat per year. Officers work about 3 statewide events along with performing other duties. (Individuals can be at this level from their 2nd -4th years on TLC)
- Junior Advisors-must be 18-20 as of January 1 when applying and have served for at least 3 years on TLC. They must have previously served as a TLC Committee Chair or Officer, but not necessarily in the previous year. Junior Advisors are responsible for overseeing an entire state program or event.