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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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.