States’ 4-H and Ohio 4-H International Programs

Travel to Norway in 2018!

Who: Ohio youth who want to learn first-hand about another culture and gain a global perspective. Must be age 15-18 from the first day to the last day of the exchange. You must not be in college. Those without previous 4-H experience are invited to apply/participate, but will not be eligible for scholarships.

How: Ohio 4-H, States’ 4-H and the in-Norway partner, “4H Norge,” will coordinate the program, homestay and activities.

What: Travel to Norway with 4-H youth “delegates” from across the U.S. and live with a Norwegian host family. (*A host sibling of similar age is not guaranteed and you may stay with several host families.) Program includes one week at the 4H Norge National Camp where participants will camp in tents and sleeping bags (provided by 4-H Norge) with hundreds of Norwegian 4H’ers. A U.S. adult chaperone will travel with the group beginning in the U.S. gateway city and will stay in Norway for the entire exchange period to assist with any issues or concerns.

When: June 28 to July 27, 2018

Scholarships, Interviews & Notification: A base scholarship of $1,500 will be awarded to all selected participants + an additional $100 for each previous exchangee hosted through Ohio 4-H. Date of Selection Interviews in Columbus for applicant and at least 1 parent is Jan. 15 (2018). Applicants will be notified in late January of their selection.

Capacity: Nationally: 5 delegates minimum and 15 delegates maximum.

Cost: Estimated at $3,350 after scholarship (final cost depends on currency exchange rate & airfare). Cost Includes:

- Support from Ohio 4-H, States 4-H (in Seattle) and 4-H Norge (in Norway) from start to finish
- Roundtrip airfare from home state to Oslo, Norway
- In-Norway expenses: transportation, lodging, meals
- Pre-Departure orientation in the U.S. gateway city (double or higher occupancy based lodging)
- Arrival orientation in Oslo (double or higher occupancy based lodging)
- Accident & Sickness Insurance
- Pre-trip conference call, orientation materials and t-shirts
- Administrative costs
- A portion of the adult chaperone expenses.

Additional costs to be paid by each delegate may include:

- Passport
- Gifts for host family members
- Spending money and all other personal items
- For certain ages, up to $300 if airline requires “unaccompanied minor fees” for travel to gateway city

Application & Payment Deadlines (See “Instructions” on Ohio 4-H’s website for more info – to be updated in mid-October)

- Once Decided: Notify Ohio 4-H that you plan to apply (thalmier.1@osu.edu)
- December 1, 2017: (Deadline FIRM!) Application and $2,000 (you MUST read the on-line “Instructions” first)
- April 15, 2018: Second Payment (depends on airfare cost and currency exchange rate)
- May 1, 2018: Third Payment ($550)

Cancellation Policy (cancellations must be in writing)

- Before January 31, 2018 – $300 cancellation fee. (The remaining $1,700 of the first payment will be refunded.)
- After January 31, 2018 – 100% cancellation fee. (Entire $2,000 first payment will be forfeited.)

For more information: www.ohio4h.org/youth/international

(You MUST read “2018 Instructions & Requirements for Completing Outbound Application” before submitting – check web late Oct.)

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