



# Steps to Running for District 9 4-H Council Officer



**Eligibility** - in order to run be sure you meet the following requirements:

1. Have at least 3 years of club membership, including the current year.
2. Be at least 14 but not yet 19 years of age the year in which you will serve.
3. Have at least one year of high school left (not including current year).
4. Be a district council member by attending at least one District Council meeting of the current year.
5. Have served a term of office on your county council, TASK force, or Ambassador program.
6. Be recommended by your county extension agent.



**Nomination Form**- Each candidate must complete the nomination form and respond to the 8 questions/statements. Responses must not exceed 4 pages. (2 front and back or 4 single pages). Applicants can earn up to 50 of the 200 points for the application.



**Social Media Photo and Bio** – Create an image that is suitable to be posted on the D-9 4-H Instagram and Facebook page. This will be the first introduction of you as a nominee for District Council. Make sure you include your name, county, a photo and any additional information on running for an officer position. Images will be reviewed but the District Council Advisors and 4-H Specialist for approval prior to uploading to social media.



**Virtual Candidate Orientation** - Candidates should make plans to participate to get a better idea of the responsibilities of district officer roles and learn how you can play a role in leadership lab activities. – Virtual Candidate Orientation will be held on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Login information will be sent closer to the date to candidates.



**Meet & Greet** - The first activity of lab is candidate introductions. So, gather up your campaign gear. In the past candidates have created a tri-fold/display showcasing their leadership qualities and distributed a trinket or treat related to their campaign theme. Be creative! **\*Guidelines will be provided as we get closer to the event.**



**Candidate Speeches** - Candidates will have the opportunity to give a speech to all participants attending lab. This is your opportunity to let fellow 4-H members get to know you. The speech is limited to 3 minutes and should focus on 4-H and your qualities and capabilities to serve as a district officer.



**Interview** – All candidates will be interviewed by a panel of judges with interview questions developed from information on the officer application form. Points will be awarded based on; dedication to 4-H, communication skills, confidence/attitude/poise, willingness to work as a team, and knowledge of the 4-H program. Candidates can earn up to 50 of the 200 points for the interview. Interviews will be onsite while at Leadership Lab



**Impromptu Questions**– Candidates will be asked to respond to two impromptu questions prior to county caucuses held at lab. This will be the final time to address the entire voting delegation prior to the election.



**Other** – Getting to know fellow lab participants is an important part of the campaign process. Be sure to participate actively in all parts of lab and join in on the fun. Counties will caucus prior to voting to determine who to support in the voting process.



**Election** – The election is held during lab. Popular vote will count for up to 100 of the 200 possible points. The voters will be 2 representatives from each county along with the current district council officers. The number of votes will be multiplied by an equalizing factor to determine a point value up to 100 points.



**Installation**—One of the final activities at lab will be officer installation. The new district officers will be installed on the final day of lab.