

UTAH 4-H

Horse Council Youth Delegate



What is a Horse Council Youth Delegate?

Each county has the opportunity to select one adult representative and one youth representative. These delegates serve on the Utah 4-H Western Horse Council together. The county adult representative will work closely with their youth delegate. Together they take an active role in bringing the needs and concerns of their resident county to the attention of the state, as well as promote state opportunities within their circle of influence.

Youth Delegate Qualifications

Counties will need to select youth-delegates to be on the council prior to the State Horse Show. Youth-delegates need to be in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade on January 1st of 2019, that means that counties can select individuals who have just completed their 8th grade year to represent their peers. Selected 12th graders must be able to commit to completing their term regardless of post-graduation plans.

Youth Delegate Selection Process

The selection process varies by county. Youth delegates should be selected following a similar pattern to adult leadership. Some counties will utilize a selection process already being used for teen councils and horse ambassador programs at the county level. Some potential options are below:

1. Invite interested and qualified individuals to submit an application and interview for the position. The application and interview process could be reviewed and conducted by county horse council members, 4-H staff, or other volunteers.
2. Host an election for youth to run for the county youth delegate position and allow youth members to vote.
3. Appoint youth horse council presidents as the county youth delegate.

Counties will need to complete the selection process and submit the new adult representative and youth delegate to Jessie Hadfield by September 1st. The new council will be presented after the general Utah 4-H Western Horse Council Meeting at the State Horse Show.

Responsibilities

Youth delegates will bring a youth perspective to the table and be the voice of their peers during Western Horse Council Meetings. They should do their best to attend all horse council meetings (in person or remotely). If they are unable to attend, they should find a substitute. Youth delegates will also be responsible for providing leadership within their county horse program, assist in facilitating communication, and sharing details pertinent to youth horse members.

In addition to their role as a voting member on the horse council, youth delegates are also encouraged to participate as members of horse youth activities committees. These committees will be instrumental to the development of various aspects of the 4-H horse programs, and will work closely with Utah 4-H Horse Ambassadors to put on state-wide events.