

Virtual elections for the Georgia 4-H Board of Directors will take place online, with voting for the five at-large positions occurring between 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Thursday, June 24, and voting for the four district representative positions occurring between 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Friday, June 25.

Any 4-H'ers who were in the 9th – 11th grades during the 2020-21 school year that are interested in submitting an application for the Georgia 4-H Board of Directors should complete the attached State 4-H Officer Virtual Nomination Packet. This packet includes five sections: State 4-H Officer Requirements, Candidate Information, Candidate Qualifications, Virtual Campaign Guidelines, and Required Signatures. All five sections must be completed and reviewed in order for a candidate to run for office. Applications must be typed.

Completed application packets, as well as a virtual campaign poster and headshot photo, must be submitted using the below link by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 to be eligible to seek office.

tinyurl.com/StateOfficer21Nominations

An automated confirmation email will be sent to confirm receipt of packet.

As reflected in the Georgia 4-H Constitution, amended June 23, 2018, “Only candidates who have submitted their application by the selected deadline are eligible to seek election to the Georgia 4-H State Board of Directors. Nominations from the floor will not be recognized.”

Please contact your local UGA Extension office for more information.



Section 1

State 4-H Officer Requirements

Please review the requirements for those elected to any State 4-H Officer position.

Name: _____

County: _____ District: _____

By completing this nomination packet and in consideration of the privilege of campaigning for and potentially serving as a member of the Georgia 4-H State Board of Directors, candidates agree to be bound by the following requirements and obligations during their campaign and, if elected, throughout their term, barring medical emergency, family emergency, or acts of God:

- If not already a Certified Teen Leader, enroll in and complete Teen Leader Certification prior to the end of calendar year 2021.
- Participate in State 4-H Officer Training in Athens, July 6-8, 2021. Plan to arrive in Athens by 1PM on July 6th, and depart for home at 3PM on July 8th. There will also be supplemental virtual training sessions to follow, with dates and times to be determined.
- Participate in State 4-H Officer Installation on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at State 4-H Congress.
- Participate in State Officer Planning Weekends as follows:
 - Fall Officer Planning Weekend, November 20-21, 2021, which coincides with 4-H Day at UGA Football Game (Saturday, November 20)
 - Pacesetter's Luncheon and Planning Weekend (usually in November or December 2021)
 - Officer Planning at Camp Jekyll (late March 2022).
- Plan and lead the following events as a member of the officer team: 4-H Fall Forum (December 10-12, 2021), State 4-H Council (June 23-26, 2022), and State 4-H Congress (July 19-22, 2022).
- Represent Georgia 4-H at 4-H Day at the Capitol (evening of February 7 - afternoon of February 9, 2022), which includes planning/prep time and pre-event functions.
- Represent Georgia 4-H for at least one of the following (and as many as possible): 4-H Foundation Gala (August 14, 2021); Georgia National Fair Opening, State 4-H Rally at the Fair (Friday, Oct 15 from 12-3pm), or Legislative Showdown (October 2021); Sunbelt Expo (October 19, 2021); Southern Region Teen Leader Conference SRTLTC (September 23-26, 2021); Georgia Agribusiness Council Harvest Celebration (November 19, 2021); and/or Junior National Livestock Show (February 2022).
- Submit a 4-H portfolio and compete in District Project Achievement 2022, unless candidate has already achieved Master status in Project Achievement.
- Compete in either 4-H Leadership in Action or Dean's Awards.
- Compete in at least one area or state judging event, 4-H animal show, or other 4-H competitive event.
- Be an outstanding county 4-H member through participation and involvement in county 4-H activities. Officers should take the initiative to keep the lines of communication open with county Extension staff.
- Attend State 4-H Officer planning meetings and other events as scheduled. Since planning meetings are important to the success of 4-H events, absences from planning meetings without prior approval may disqualify an officer from participating in the event's program. State 4-H Officers should expect to have a 4-H Officer commitment or meeting about every other month.
- Consider 4-H State Board activities a priority. If the candidate has accepted a leadership position in another organization that requires an extensive time commitment, it may not be feasible to also serve as a State 4-H Officer.



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Section 1 State 4-H Officer Requirements (Continued)

- Assume responsibility for travel to and from events. Officers are responsible for their travel to and from events and must have parental (guardian) permission to make travel plans. Where feasible, officers should travel with their counties. Officers should not expect county Extension offices to make travel plans when counties are not involved in the program.
- Set an example in attitude and action of the 4-H program. The 4-H Code of Conduct is a minimum standard of behavior.
- Work cooperatively and effectively with fellow board members, volunteers and faculty. Be respectful, dedicated and committed to making this year successful.

Section 2

Candidate Information

This page will be removed from the online information that is shared for delegates to view prior to and during State Council. The information on this page primarily is used to assist the advisors in planning and supporting elected officers during the year.

Personal/Contact Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Grade as of August 1, 2021: _____ Birth date: _____

County: _____ District: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____ Parent Email: _____

Additional Parent/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____ Parent Email: _____

Uniform Information

Female

Blazer/Suit Jacket Size: _____ Polo/Jersey Shirt Size: _____

Dress Size: _____

Male

Blazer/Suit Jacket Size: _____ Polo/Jersey Shirt Size: _____

Dress Shirt Size: _____



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Section 2 Candidate Information (Continued)

School Information

Please provide information about the school(s) that you attend as requested below. This information will be used to create and send excused-absence request letters in the event State Officer responsibilities require being absent from school.

School 1 Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Principal's/Administrator's Name: _____

Principal's/Administrator's Email: _____

Attendance Official's/Clerk's Name: _____

Attendance Official's/Clerk's Email: _____

School 2 Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Principal's/Administrator's Name: _____

Principal's/Administrator's Email: _____

Attendance Official's/Clerk's Name: _____

Attendance Official's/Clerk's Email: _____

If elected, you will be working with a team of youth and adults. Is there anything you would want this team to know about you (including allergies, dietary needs/preferences, religious needs, etc.)?



Section 3

Candidate Qualifications

This section may be shared electronically and in print with voting delegates. This section provides information to voters as to a candidate's experiences in 4-H, leadership, and service. Do not add additional pages. Please use only the space provided.

Name: _____

County: _____ District: _____

Why would you like to serve as a State 4-H Officer?

What experiences have prepared you to serve in a 4-H leadership role?

In which 4-H projects, activities, and events have you participated?



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Section 3 Candidate Qualifications (Continued)

Name: _____

County: _____ District: _____

What offices have you held in 4-H or other organizations?

What other activities are you involved in that will help you serve as an officer?

What other information would you like 4-H'ers to know about you?



Section 4

Campaign Guidelines for Virtual Elections

Please review the campaign guidelines listed below. Candidates are expected to abide by guidelines and may be removed from the ballot for failure to follow these guidelines.

Name: _____

County: _____ District: _____

1. As noted above, select portions of this nomination packet will be made available for voting delegates to view online during the election period.
2. Candidates are encouraged to submit a virtual campaign poster in PDF format, limited to a single page, that will be included with those portions of the nomination packet being made available online for voting delegates to view.
3. Candidates are required to submit a headshot photograph that clearly shows their face. For some examples of headshot photos, please see <https://georgia4h.org/about-us/staff/state-staff/>.
4. Candidates will present a **speech or skit that's no longer than one minute long** via Zoom on Monday, June 21, starting at 7:00 PM. Candidates will present their speech/skit as assigned at the Virtual Practice & Candidate Orientation taking place via Zoom on Thursday, June 17, at 7:00 PM. Attendance is mandatory for both the Virtual Practice/Officer Orientation and the Candidate Speeches. Details for joining the Zoom sessions will be emailed directly to candidates.
 - Campaign speeches/skits must be made live, online by the candidate. Candidates may not "lip-sync" pre-recorded voices, even if it is their own voice.
 - In their speeches, candidates should spend 50% of the total time discussing their 4-H involvement and qualifications for state office.
 - Candidates may use recorded music in their presentation. Any music used must be approved by your county Extension/4-H agent prior to the Virtual Practice/Candidate Orientation. Be prepared to share/demonstrate music during the Virtual Practice. The candidate will be responsible for queuing recorded items and for starting/stopping the music during their speech/skit.
 - No other individuals are permitted to be part of the candidate's presentation.
 - Candidates may wear approved costumes and may wear/carry campaign posters during their speech/skit, all of which must comply with the 4-H Code of Conduct.
 - Special props within reason are permissible. Candidates must furnish all props. No motor vehicles, fire, water, liquids, glitter, or anything that might damage property or pose a safety hazard to others is allowed in skits/speeches.
 - Candidate presentations (speech/skit) must be reviewed and approved by the candidate's county Extension/4-H agent prior to the Virtual Practice/Candidate Orientation.
5. Candidates must also extemporaneously answer at least one randomly-selected question following speeches/skits. Each answer should be limited to no more than thirty seconds in length. A list of questions from prior years will be provided to help candidates prepare. Further details about the candidate question portion will be shared during Candidate Orientation.
6. Additionally, candidates are expected to participate in a Candidate Forum on either Tuesday night, June 22, or Wednesday night, June 23, starting at 7:00 PM. During the Candidate Forum, each candidate will provide off-the-cuff responses to a number of voter-submitted questions.
7. Presentations, campaign slogans, and responses to questions cannot allude to violations in the 4-H Code of Conduct.



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Section 4 (continued)

Campaign Guidelines for Virtual Elections

8. Candidate speeches (and questions/answers) will be broadcast via YouTube Live starting at 7:00 PM on Monday, June 21. Candidate Forums will be broadcast via YouTube Live starting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 22 and Wednesday, June 23. Streaming will be available at youtube.com/Georgia4h. Candidate speeches and Candidate Forums will also be recorded and shared on the Georgia 4-H webpage and social media. A link to view the candidate speeches and forums will be included with the virtual ballot.
9. **As part of the virtual elections process, campaigning will be limited to the measures listed above and will be released via official 4-H media outlets. Any additional campaigning, whether in person, via mail, or by any electronic means (including, but not limited to, social media, email, text, etc.), whether before or during the election period, is strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification.**
10. **Voting and Results:**
 - The ballot for at-large officer positions will be sent by 9:00 AM on Thursday, June 24, and will be available from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM that day.
 - The candidates elected to the at-large positions will be announced during a live stream on Thursday night, June 24, at 7:00 PM.
 - After announcement of the at-large election results, four district representative ballots will be created and distributed to voting delegates according to their respective districts following the same procedure. The ballot for district representatives will be sent by 9:00 AM on Friday, June 25, and will be available from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
 - All candidates elected to a position on the Georgia 4-H State Board of Directors will be announced during THE Senior Event at Rock Eagle on Sunday morning, June 27. Candidates are strongly encouraged to attend THE Senior Event. However, due to the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, candidates are not required to be present on Sunday morning, June 27, in order to assume office.



Section 5

Required Signatures

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and 4-H'er must meet with the County 4-H Staff to review and discuss the qualifications, guidelines for campaigning, and requirements of the Georgia 4-H Board of Directors. If all accept the responsibilities and obligations involved, the 4-H'er may seek election to the Georgia 4-H Board of Directors. At the conclusion of the meeting, the appropriate signatures must be secured below. This section will not be included in the shared candidate information.

1. To be signed by 4-H'er:

I have read the expectations of office, and I realize that being a Georgia 4-H officer is a major responsibility that demands a great deal of time. I am willing to accept these responsibilities and will work diligently to meet these obligations, should I be elected. I have reviewed campaigning guidelines. I agree to abide by these guidelines during my campaign for a State 4-H Officer position. The information I have provided in the nomination packet is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If elected, I promise to do my best to prioritize state officer responsibilities and plan accordingly and to give the time necessary to perform all duties.

Candidate Signature

Date

2. To be signed by Parent/Guardian:

I have read the expectations of office and realize that if my child is elected, they will have certain obligations and responsibilities including, but not limited to, those listed above. I agree to support my son/daughter if elected. I understand that this could mean that he/she has to limit other activities or endeavors if they interfere with meeting the responsibilities of office. I further understand that it is my son/daughter's responsibility to arrange transportation to and from these activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

3. To be signed by County Extension Staff:

The candidate is a member of the county 4-H program listed above. I have reviewed the candidate's campaign presentation and, as reviewed, the presentation meets the guidelines noted above. I have reviewed this nomination packet, including campaign guidelines, with the candidate and the candidate's parent(s)/guardian(s), and they are aware of all the rules, responsibilities, and guidelines therein.

Extension Staff Signature

Date



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