

Animal and Dairy Science Department
Rhodes Center, 425 River Rd.
Athens, GA 30602

July 3rd, 2023

TO: All County Extension Coordinators and 4-H Agents

RE: **National 4-H Dairy Conference Application**
Conference Dates: October 1st – 4th in Madison, WI

APPLICATION DUE:
August 1st, 2023

This is an official call for applications to serve as a Georgia Youth delegate to the National 4-H Dairy Conference. A committee will select *up to* three delegates from the applications. These delegates will receive an expense paid trip to the conference in Madison, Wisconsin alongside World Dairy Expo.

The National 4-H Dairy Conference is one of the most outstanding educational events sponsored by 4-H. More than 200 delegates from throughout the United States and Canada will participate in this almost weeklong event that includes educational workshops, tours, and motivational speakers. It is an opportunity of a lifetime to meet many current and future leaders of the dairy industry.

The conference begins Sunday, October 1st and concludes Wednesday, October 4th. Travel plans will be arranged after delegates have been selected but please note that Saturday, September 30th and Thursday, October 5th, at a minimum, will be used for travel days. Obtaining permission to be absent from school for these dates will be necessary. More information will be forwarded to the successful applicants as the final plans are developed.

Enclosed is the necessary application form. Please have each 4-H'er, who is interested in applying, complete the application. This conference is designed for youth in 10th – 12th grades and **applicants must be 15 but not more than 18 by January 1st of 2023**. Delegates are expected to have participated in 3+ years of a dairy project, have excelled in that project, and be sincerely interested in gaining and sharing knowledge about the dairy industry. Selected youth delegates cannot be members of the judging team that is participating in the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest or plan on showing at World Dairy Expo. Return the completed application to Dr. Jillian Bohlen at the address above or via email (jfain@uga.edu) by August 1st, 2023. County agents should include a letter of recommendation indicating why they feel this individual should be selected to represent Georgia 4-H. If interested in reading more about the conference and follow conference updates, please visit:

<http://national4hdairyconference.org>

Thank you very much for your help in identifying and recruiting youth who are worthy of the honor. This is truly an outstanding conference, which will be a highlight of their 4-H career. We are also looking for one to two adult chaperones to accompany these youth delegates on the trip. If interested, please indicate your interest with an email to the address below. If you have **any** questions about this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jillian Bohlen, PhD, PAS
Associate Professor and State Dairy Extension Specialist
p: 706-542-9108 / e: jfain@uga.edu

National 4-H Dairy Conference Application

Date: _____

Name: _____

E-mail address of youth or parent/guardian: _____

Address: _____

Birth Date: _____ Age as of January 1, 2023: _____ Grade in School: _____

Years in 4-H: _____ **Years in Dairy Project:** _____

Use Additional Sheets as Necessary

4-H Dairy Activities:

Other Dairy Activities (Breed organizations, etc.)
Other 4-H Activities:

Other Activities (School Community, etc.)
Any Special Honors:

Brief essay on “Why I would like to attend the National 4-H Dairy Conference”

Please include signatures from each of the following:

4-H'er : _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

County Extension Agent: _____

County Agents:

Please remember to write a letter of support for your applicant as part of the application process. These letters are due with the application by August 1st, 2023.

Please return the completed application and letter of support by August 1st, 2023 to:

Dr. Jillian Bohlen
425 River Rd.
Rhodes Center for Animal and Dairy Science
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Or email to (must include scanned signature page):

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