

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

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

TO: All County Extension Coordinators and 4-H Agents

RE: **National 4-H Dairy Conference Application**  
**Conference Dates: September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Madison, WI**

**APPLICATION DUE:**  
**August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

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, September 29<sup>th</sup> and concludes Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Travel plans will be arranged after delegates have been selected but please note that Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades and **applicants must be 15 but not more than 18 by January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2024**. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. 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 to 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. 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  
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# National 4-H Dairy Conference Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address of youth or parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of January 1, 2024: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_**      **Years in Dairy Project: \_\_\_\_\_**

\*Use Additional Sheets as Necessary

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<b>Other Dairy Activities (Breed organizations, etc.)</b>
<b>Other 4-H Activities:</b>

<b>Other Activities (School Community, etc.)</b>
<b>Any Special Honors:</b>

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**

Please return the completed application and letter of support by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to:

Dr. Jillian Bohlen  
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Or email to (must include scanned signature page):

[jfain@uga.edu](mailto:jfain@uga.edu)