



## Monterey County 4-H

# Youth Council Advisor Application information

**Description:** The Youth Council Advisors are adult volunteers who agree to advise the activities of Youth Council Members. The Advisor(s) work with the youth plan a year of action that benefits the Leaders Council, 4-H program and its members. It is a one to two year term.

The Advisors assists the Youth Council members by:

Helping to plan the youth council meetings for the year (dates, facilities & technology needs)

Being active in utilizing the Leaders' Council yearly calendar to support the agreed upon activities and events the youth choose to participate in.

Establishing an effective communication style with the Leader's Council

Using 4-H approved curriculum to develop or strengthen youth governance skills

Building communication skills of the youth to make decisions or give directions.

**Requirements:** A 4-H certified adult volunteer is eligible to apply for a position as Monterey County 4-H Youth Council Advisor if he or she:

- Is an enrolled and certified adult 4-H volunteer
- Shows commitment to serve as a 4-H volunteer, embracing the values and principles of the University of California Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program
- Relates well to youth aged 12 to 19 years of age and adults from a variety of backgrounds
- Is eager to learn about strategies for supporting youth development and managing a healthy community-based organization in an inclusive and "safe space"
- Is able to delegate responsibilities and lead effective collaborative efforts with Leader's Council, parents and members
- Can communicate effectively and in a timely manner with the Youth Council members and the 4-H offices.
- Will meet with 4-H Leader's Council and or Program Staff to plan, discuss, share and accept the program possibilities and limitations
- Will set the agreed upon calendar with youth and parents that is accessible
- Is not a parent of an active Council Officer
- Can set aside time for all meetings and any additional sessions or appearances they may be asked to be a part of
- Is willing to guide and help prepare the Youth Council in their activities without controlling their decisions
- Is willing to acknowledge difficulties and ask for assistance

Youth Council Parent (s) may also play a role in leading by:

- Provide transportation for members
- Provide administration or technology assistance
- Taking an active part in fundraising for the program if needed
- Not inhibiting or restricting member the or the Advisor
- Attend Leader's Council meetings when the Advisor cannot

- Recognize when a child is overwhelmed, confused or struggling and notify the Advisor or Program Staff person
- Provide the time and resources to assist the Youth Council member in completing their work

Additional resources for 4-H Leadership roles:

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Volunteers/Project\\_Leader\\_Resources/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Volunteers/Project_Leader_Resources/)

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get\\_Involved/Volunteer/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get_Involved/Volunteer/)

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Volunteers/Online\\_Courses/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Volunteers/Online_Courses/)

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Volunteers/4-H\\_Volunteer\\_Orientation/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Volunteers/4-H_Volunteer_Orientation/)

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2423.pdf> Making it Work – Youth Adult Partnerships

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2424.pdf> Youth adult partnership - A training manual

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Volunteers/ProjectLeaders/>

It is the policy of the University of California (UC) and the UC Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources not to engage in discrimination against or harassment of any person in any of its programs or activities (Complete nondiscrimination policy statement can be found at <http://ucanr.edu/sites/anrstaff/files/215244.pdf>)

Inquiries regarding ANR's nondiscrimination policies may be directed to John I. Sims, Affirmative Action Compliance Officer/Title IX Officer, University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources, 2801 Second Street, Davis, CA 95618, (530) 750-1397.

## Monterey County 4-H Youth Council Advisor Application

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Phone:		email:
Club:		
Number of years as a 4-H Volunteer:		
Number of years as a 4-H alumni:		
I can commit to this position as a Youth Council Advisor: yes   no		
<i>Please answer the following questions. Attach additional pages as needed.</i>		
Describe your role with past 4-H projects and activities.		
What do you see your role being as a Youth Council Advisor?		
Describe your experience in a guiding and facilitating young people to take on leadership roles.		
What skills do you bring as a Youth Council Advisor?		
Why do you want to work with the Monterey County 4-H Leader's Council and youth?		
Please describe any other commitments that you may have. Please be thorough.		

