

**Position Title: NEW JERSEY STATE 4-H ASSOCIATION YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE**

**Purpose:** The primary purpose of the Association is to assist in maintaining and expanding a strong 4-H Youth Development Program in New Jersey. The Association is comprised of adult volunteers representing each county, youth representatives from North Jersey and South Jersey, and ex-officio representatives from various organizations.

**Time Commitment:** Three daytime meetings per year, usually held in March, June and October on the Cook College Campus in New Brunswick. Additional time to complete other duties as needed.

**Term/Appointment/Selection:** North Jersey counties appoint or elect two youth to serve as representatives for a one-year renewable term. Method of selection and timeframe of term are determined by the northern regional agent. South Jersey youth representatives are elected at South Jersey 4-H Teen Conference through a process outlined in the SJTC Staff Planning Guide. Two youth are elected each year for a one-year term, the year beginning in April and ending in March, following the next SJTC. All New Jersey counties are encouraged to send youth representatives (non-voting).

**Responsibilities:**

- Attend State 4-H Association meetings; actively participate in discussions. Prepare and present report at each meeting.
- Canvas youth in region to determine needs and opinions.
- Communicate information back to youth in region.
- Support association activities and serve on committees as appropriate.

**Voting Privilege:** Each region, north and south, shall appoint or elect two voting youth representatives as outlined above in "Term/Appointment/Selection."

**Qualifications:**

- Knowledge of the 4-H Youth Development Program.
- Understanding of and ability to communicate the needs of 4-H youth participants.
- Active involvement in county, regional and state 4-H program activities.
- Active involvement in teen leadership activities, both within and outside of the 4-H program.

**Benefits:**

- Enhance leadership skills.
- Meet and share ideas with other youth and adult volunteers.
- Provide service to 4-H at the regional and state levels.

**Resources Available:** County 4-H professional staff and state 4-H staff will be available for support and assistance, and will provide appropriate communication and recognition to committee members.

**Relationships:**

- Regional youth representatives serve as the liaison between their regions and the State 4-H Association, and are responsible for communicating information to both parties.
- County 4-H professional staff will assist representatives in arranging travel to meetings, preparing reports, completing follow-up after meetings, and fulfilling other duties. Will provide orientation to responsibilities prior to attending first meeting.
- State 4-H Program Coordinator serves as the official liaison from the Department of 4-H Youth Development to the Association, and will provide any assistance needed to youth representatives in fulfilling duties that go beyond the regional level. Will assist in providing orientation as needed.

**Contact Person:** Macy Compton, State 4-H Program Coordinator

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