1. Each candidate will be required to fill out an application/nomination form. Applicants must be 14 years of age as of August 31, 2013. President and Vice-President must be 16 years of age as of August 31, 2012. Applications will be available through the local county agent office and on the District 1 website (http://d14-h.tamu.edu) and must be turned back into the county agent for approval by the due date stated on the application. Applicants must specify which offices they would like to be considered for. **Resume and two letters of recommendation are required along with application.**

2. Each candidate should bring an activity (no handwritten copies) and be prepared to present it to those in attendance. This can be a get acquainted game, energizer, team building, ice breaker, motivation, or communication type of activity. It should not be more than 10 minutes.

3. Each candidate will be required to attend District 1 4-H Council Summer Business Meeting. At the meeting, each candidate will be required to give a 2 minute speech. The speech should cover information about 4-H leadership, positions held, communication skills, etc. Each candidate’s interview will cover 4-H involvement, 4-H history, leadership, community service, communication skills, and interviewing skills. In addition, candidates will give an impromptu speech with the topic being drawn at random.

4. Interviews will be conducted by a panel of judges (consisting of no less than 2 individuals). Candidates for a district council office will be asked questions that will assess their knowledge of 4-H.

5. The top eight candidates will be determined by a vote of the county voting delegates (2 per county) in District 1. The popular vote will be converted to score and averaged with the other scores.

6. The placement of candidates into officer positions will be based on speaking abilities (50%) (speech given) credentials (application form & resume) (25%) and on the interview (25%).

7. This process will ensure that the officer positions are filled by the most qualified candidate and will secure a strong leadership team for the District 4-H Council. It is crucial for each candidate to discuss with their family and county Extension staff their involvement and commitment to a district council office and possibly a state council assignment.

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