

District 1 4-H Council Officer Election Information

Elections will take place at the North Region Senior Power Camp

The term will be from August 1, 2023 and ending July 1, 2024. Officers should pay close attention to the required events. **Officers are held to even a higher set of expectations. Officers NOT meeting the requirements will be reviewed and could be removed from the District 1 Council by the Advisors and the District 4-H Specialist.**

It is expected that council members will also fulfill responsibilities at the county and district levels. Not completing the requirements at those levels has repercussions that follow to the district / state level. For those officers serving on Texas 4-H Council, being removed from the position that elevated you to that position means that you will also be removed from Texas 4-H Council.

Advisors utilize several ways of communication to make sure members are aware of dates and upcoming responsibilities. These methods include Group Me, Facebook, and email messages as well as personal texts. There is not an excuse for a District 1 Council member to not be aware of their obligations.

Requirements to run for Office:

1. District 1 4-H Council Office is open to all youth, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation or gender identity.
2. Be at least 16 years of age on August 31 of the current year.
3. Be a Junior or Senior to run for President or First Vice President.
4. President & First Vice President will serve on Texas 4-H Council and have additional responsibilities and requirements.

By May 19 :

1. Applicants will submit the online Application.
2. Applicants will email the signed Commitment Form to tina.bryant@ag.tamu.edu
3. Applicants will email a digital photo (head shot) to tina.bryant@ag.tamu.edu
4. Applicants will email two letters of recommendation to tina.bryant@ag.tamu.edu

At Power Camp:

1. Applicants will be interviewed by two judges based off application information (leadership experiences, goals for D1 council, etc.) and general knowledge about the 4-H program and their personal experiences.
2. Applicants will lead a short icebreaker/leadership game.
3. Applicants will give a 2-minute speech to their district 1 peers. *Applicants will be allowed to pass out small campaign items/promotional items after their speech*

Election Process:

Officer positions will be determined by equal parts

- peer vote based off of speeches
- interview score
- application score

The combined scores will determine the rank of officer positions. That ranking is:

President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Health & Safety Officer, Social Media Officer.

*Candidates may choose to run for all positions or only select a few positions that they would be willing to serve in. However, if a candidate chooses to only run for President, even if their combined score was the 2nd highest, they would be out of the running for any other positions.

At the conclusion of the camp officer positions will be announced.

FAQs:

It is most important to communicate ahead of time with advisors if you have a scheduling conflict. We realize you have multiple obligations and we are much more willing to work with you if conflicts are communicated in a professional and timely manner. However, here are some questions we often receive and the answers you will be given.

Q: I have a county show/athletic event (basketball tournament) on the same weekend as the Fall Big Fun in D1

Advisor Answer: Council must attend the entire weekend of the Fall Big Fun in D1. However, if individuals cannot it will be handled on a case-by-case basis if it is communicated in advance.

Q: I will be late attending the Gold Star banquet because of an after school practice.

Advisor Answer: Please arrive as soon as possible and work with advisors to confirm your schedule.

Q: What does “removed from District 1 4-H Council” mean?

Advisor Answer: This means that members will not be allowed to participate in events as Council members. They will also relinquish any leadership roles and responsibilities associated with District 1 4-H Council and should not add them to record books /scholarship forms.