



Kentucky 4-H

4-H Pledge Script

Landry:

Welcome to the Kentucky 4-H Virtual Experience

Today we are focusing on the 4-H Pledge.

My name is Landry Woodrum and I am the Kentucky 4-H President.

Deja:

My name is Deja Hatchett and I am the Kentucky 4-H Vice President.

Morgan:

My name is Morgan Barnes and I am the Kentucky 4-H Secretary.

Morelia:

My name is Morelia Falcon and I am the Kentucky 4-H Treasurer.

Landry:

According to National 4-H History Preservation Program, at the first National 4-H Camp in Washington, DC in 1927, the present 4-H pledge, worded first by Otis Hall, state leader in Kansas, was officially adopted.

The Executive Committee of the Land-Grant College Association had requested Dr. R. A. Pearson, president of Iowa State College, and Dr. A. C. True of the Federal Extension Service to write a pledge, and they had turned in the pledge substantially as written by Hall. The wording adopted for the whole country by the leaders in 1927.



Deja:

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
my heart to greater loyalty,
my hands to larger service,
and
my health to better living,
for my club, my community,
and my country.

Morgan:

This pledge remained the same until 1973 when the words "and my world" were added to the ending resulting in:

for my club, my community, my country and my world.

Morelia:

4-H is a youth organization committed to building outstanding leaders with marketable skills to succeed in today's global society.

Landry:

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

Deja:

The four H's represent the idea of **Head, Heart, Hands,** and **Health.** These are the values members work on through fun and engaging programs.

Morgan:

**With hand motions.*

I pledge my **Head** to clearer thinking---

Pledging your head to clearer thinking means you are committing yourself to critical thinking and learning to manage emotions.

Morelia:

**With hand motions.*

I pledge my **Heart** to greater loyalty—

Pledging your heart to greater loyalty means you are committing to working on practicing empathy for others and caring about others despite differences.

Landry:

**With hand motions.*

I pledge my **Hands** to larger service—

Pledging your hands to larger service means you are committing to working to make the best better, learn by doing, and giving of your time and talents.

Deja:

**With hand motions.*

I pledge my Health to better living---

Pledging your health to better living means you are committing to a healthy lifestyle, focusing on your physical, emotional, and mental health, and encouraging others to take care of themselves and their communities.

Morgan:

The 4-H pledge challenges members to committing to their head, heart, hands, and health to their local club,

Morelia:

community,

Landry:

country

Deja:

and world.

Morelia:

We would like to share with you what the 4-H pledge means to each of us...

Landry:

Share what the pledge means to you.

Deja:

Share what the pledge means to you.

Morgan:

Share what the pledge means to you.

Morelia:

As we begin the new 4-H program year we want to challenge you to learn the 4-H pledge. It is 4-H tradition that each 4-H club meeting begins with the 4-H pledge to remind us of the commitment we have made to ourselves, our fellow club members, and our communities whether that is locally, nationally or globally.

Landry:

Thank you for joining me today for the Kentucky 4-H virtual Experience focused on the 4-H Pledge. For more information regarding 4-H projects check out your local University of Kentucky, Cooperative Extension Service.

Sources:

www.kentucky4h.org

<https://4-hhistorypreservation.com/History/M-C-P/>