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TO: Applicants for Kentucky 4-H SET Leadership Board

FROM: Torey K. Earle, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

RE: 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology Board Applications for 2020-2021

Thank you for your interest in the Kentucky 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology Leadership Board. This board has been an active part in helping develop and promote the 4-H SET project in Kentucky for the past three years. The Board has planned, conducted and attended workshops and educational programs throughout Kentucky as well as on a National Level. Good luck with your application!

The Kentucky 4-H SET Leadership Board can consist of up to fifteen (15) individuals. These individuals should have an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics as well as the passion to share that interest with others. Board members will learn how to develop their skills in teaching and encouraging others while having fun and learning more about themselves. The expectation for Board members is to approach each new project with innovation, creativity and critical thinking in order to make it the best it can be for everyone involved.

Applications are due to Torey Earle by 01 May 2020 via the Qualtrics link on the Kentucky 4-H Web Site. Contact your County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development in order to apply.



Attendance

There is a significant time involvement to serving on the SET Leadership Board. Attendance at 4-H SET Board meetings is considered mandatory and absence or tardiness may lead to removal from the board. With three primary meetings (two in conjunction with State Teen Council and one at included with attendance at the National Youth STEM Summit) per year it's very important that everyone attend the full meeting each time. Those individuals, who cannot plan on attending the board meetings, should not apply to be on the SET Board. SET board members are expected to be at the 4-H Summit session the SET Board is responsible for and all of Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference in addition to board meetings. Arranging travel to the meetings is your responsibility.

Meeting Cost

In addition to the time commitment, there are fees associated with being involved on the SET Leadership Board. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

2 SET Board Meetings (September, February) * \$25	=	\$50
4-H Summit	=	\$50 - \$60
4-H Teen Conference	=	\$125
Total Expenses		\$225 - \$235

In addition, the SET Leadership Board has historically attended and presented at the National Youth STEM Summit at the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD each November. Expenses for this trip have been around \$400 per Board Member in the past. This is a fraction on the actual cost (approximately \$1,000 per Board Member) due to support from the Kentucky 4-H Foundation, Farm Credit Mid America and other donors. This trip is not mandatory for Board Members but is highly recommended due to it's educational value in developing quality programs for 4-H Summit, 4-H Teen Conference and county and district events.

Educational Programming

The SET Leadership Board is expected to develop projects and programs to take back to their county and districts to share with youth and adults. They are expected to participate and complete proper reporting. Each year the SET Leadership Board will be involved in STEM Educational activities as well as leadership and college/career readiness activities to develop their skills related to the next step in their life.

Being a Liaison to Your County/District

The SET Leadership Board serves to help with the two-way flow of information about the Kentucky 4-H SET Program from the state to the county/district level. This means that all SET Board Members are expected to assist with county and district programming related to the SET Program. After each program, SET Board Members should contact their appropriate staff and volunteers to share information. Communication with the local 4-H Agent and 4-H Volunteers is vital to success of the SET Board Members.

Behavior & Conduct

SET Board Members are considered representatives of the overall Kentucky 4-H Program. As such, their behavior, conduct, dress and actions reflect the standards of 4-H in Kentucky. SET Board Members should serve as role models for other 4-H members in the State and adhere strictly to the code of conduct. Members that fail to adhere to these expectations may be dismissed from the SET Leadership Board.