

## Kentucky 4-H Visual Letter Exchange

The Kentucky 4-H Visual Letters Exchange advance the work on the international level of several Kentucky 4-H content areas: leadership, global citizenship, expressive arts, and health.

### The goals of the Visual Letters Exchange are:

- Exercise expressing yourself through art.
- Communicating visually,
- Expanding appreciation for one's own culture and the culture of others.
- Interpreting art and exploring feelings.

### Youth Learning Objectives:

- Youth identify artwork that expresses feelings
- Youth recognize principles and elements of art
- Youth will develop strategies to analyze art
- Youth create an artist statement

### Audience:

- Kentucky youth 4-H age 13-18 (age on January 1, 2020)
- Kentucky 4-H will secure international partners to exchange art with once artwork is complete
- Guardians of youth must complete the Kentucky 4-H Code of Conduct and Media Release Forms

### Details:

- Youth will complete the five lessons independently through the Kentucky 4-H Virtual Experience on the Kentucky 4-H Facebook page or Kentucky 4-H Instagram.
  - July 13<sup>th</sup> Visual Letters Project Overview
  - July 14<sup>th</sup> Art is Expression
  - July 15<sup>th</sup> Principles and Elements of Art
  - July 16<sup>th</sup> Responding to Art
  - July 17<sup>th</sup> Writing an Artist Statement
- Once the lessons are completed the participant will apply their new knowledge as they create a piece of original art expressing information about their culture. Artwork should fit within a 12 inches by 12 inches square, no thicker than 1/2 inch.
- Youth will submit a scanned copy of their piece of art work to [clover@kentucky4h.org](mailto:clover@kentucky4h.org) by July 31 and mail the original to 212 Scovell Hall, Lexington, KY 40546
- The completed project will include the piece of art and an artist's statement describing the piece.
- Once the youth submits their completed project a Zoom link for our virtual gathering to view and discuss the art projects will be sent to them. We invite all those who complete the project to join us on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm ET/ 6pm CT.

### International Aspect:

- If youth complete the project, submit their artwork and artist statement and participate in the Zoom gathering they will receive a piece of artwork from a 4-Her or youth living in another country.
- Depending on participation the group may have to vote on the art pieces to send to the international partner(s).
- Due to customs and mailing services the original art pieces may take up to three months to be received by participants. Participants will receive virtual copies of international art from partner.

### Recognition:

- Youth who complete the program will receive a certificate of completion.
- Kentucky 4-H and partner organization will host a virtual art gala to showcase work of young people who completed the project.



# 4-H Youth Development CODE OF CONDUCT FORM (NOT FOR RESIDENTIAL CAMPS)

All 4-H members and family/friends associated with 4-H members must respect the individual rights, safety and property of others and adhere to this Code of Conduct. A 4-H member may be prohibited from participating in a specific event/program if the participation by the individual poses a danger to the 4-H member and/or others. The following guidelines are designed to make all 4-H events safe, meaningful, and satisfying to youth and others attending.

## WHILE ATTENDING ALL 4-H MEETINGS, PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:

- Each 4-H participant is expected to attend all planned sessions, workshops, field trips, and meetings of the event, and to be in appropriate dress. Dress codes will be specific to individual events. Delegation chaperones and/or volunteers are responsible for ensuring that members participate in all aspects of the planned program activities.
- The possession and use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, and/or drugs (except for medications prescribed to the participant by a licensed physician) are strictly prohibited. Delegation chaperones and/or volunteers shall limit use of tobacco products to designated areas.
- Setting off fire alarms, tampering with fire extinguishing and other emergency equipment are strictly prohibited.
- Gambling of any type is strictly prohibited.
- Obscene, discriminatory and/or inappropriate language, roughhousing, and insubordination are prohibited at all times.
- Respect toward others and facilities shall be demonstrated. Bullying, harassment of others or destruction of property shall not be tolerated. Bullying and harassment can include the use of social media.
- Display of overly affectionate or inappropriate attention between participants is strictly prohibited.
- Technological equipment (including but not limited to cell phones, laptops or mp3 players) shall not interfere with the program and may not be allowed in certain situations.
- Each county may adopt additional Code of Conduct guidelines.

## WHILE ATTENDING OVERNIGHT CONFERENCES, CAMPS, AND EVENTS, THE FOLLOWING WILL ALSO APPLY:

- All participants are to be in their assigned area at curfew and comply with quiet hours, lights out, and other rules of the event.
- No member or volunteer may leave the grounds without the permission of the conference director or adult in charge. An adult shall accompany a 4-H member any time he/she leave the grounds. Adults shall notify another adult in the delegation before leaving the grounds.
- At overnight events, only Conference participants may be in sleeping areas. Lounges or common areas may be used only for working committees and social activities.
- Room service such as phone calls, food, laundry, or others shall not be permitted without chaperone permission.

Any violations of this Code of Conduct shall be reported promptly to the adult in charge of the delegation/program and to the person in charge of the event. The person in charge of the event shall have the final responsibility for disciplinary action. **Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct by 4-H'ers and family/friends associated with the 4-H participant may result in penalty, including, but not limited to, the following:**

- Sent home from the activity or event at his/her own expense
- Barred from participation from future 4-H events
- Assessed the cost of damages for destruction of property
- Released to nearest law enforcement authority
- Termination of 4-H membership

**Please initial here that you give your child permission to participate in this experience and that their work may be featured on 4-H social media.** \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian Initials)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its rules.  
(Print Name)

I understand that infraction of this Code of Conduct will result in any or all of the penalties listed above.

Member/Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_