

Oklahoma AGRICULTURE YOUTH COUNCIL

What is the Agriculture Youth Council and what does it do?

This council was created by the Secretary of Agriculture, Blayne Arthur, in order to provide future leaders of the agriculture industry an experience that cultivates professional development and broadens horizons while developing a potential workforce for Oklahoma. Council members will visit Oklahoma agricultural companies and organizations, learn about the legislative process and how it affects the agriculture industry, shadow industry professionals, and hone professional skills. Members will serve a one year term on the council.

Mission Statement:

To develop future agriculture leaders in Oklahoma through professional development, industry exposure and experiential learning.

Our Goal:

To develop potential Oklahoma agriculture employees by teaching professional skills, exposing members to diverse agriculture operations and offering short-term job experience in agriculture fields.

What is the selection process and how many are chosen?

The Agriculture Youth Council is chosen by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry. Applicants will be notified by May 15 if chosen for an interview. Interviews will be held via Zoom conference. Twelve to fifteen high school seniors will be chosen after interviews are held.

Who is eligible to be a member of the Agriculture Youth Council and what is required?

High school seniors from all Oklahoma counties are eligible to apply. Membership in 4-H/FFA is NOT required. Travel to and from the Department of Agriculture is required; however, travel to tours will be provided by ODAFF. If students are selected and fail to regularly attend meetings, tours, or be actively involved with the council, they will be dismissed.

Please submit the following with your application:

1. Resume
2. Video Submission: Creative Component
3. High School Transcript
4. Essay Questions – *Must be typed*

Guidelines for Video Information

Please submit a short three to five-minute video introducing yourself, explaining your background, why you are interested in agriculture and what you hope to gain from this experience if selected. Be creative—we would love to see your passion for the industry and how you are involved or why you wish to be involved with ag! The video can be recorded on a cell phone (landscape) and emailed with your application or uploaded to YouTube with the link attached to your application. All applications should be submitted as a combined PDF and emailed to morgan.vance@ag.ok.gov by May 1. No Google Forms applications will be accepted. We recognize that COVID-19 may make it difficult for some to receive a copy of their transcript therefore, electronic copies—such as screenshots will be accepted. Please reach out to Morgan Vance if you have questions or concerns at morgan.vance@ag.ok.gov.

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NAME _____ GENDER _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

COUNTY _____ BIRTHDAY _____

CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____ GPA _____

PARENT'S NAMES _____

T-SHIRT SIZE _____

Please rank the following in order of preference:

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| • Forestry | _____ | • International Trade | _____ |
| • Commodity Crop Production | _____ | • Law Enforcement | _____ |
| • Specialty Crop Production | _____ | • Agriculture Policy | _____ |
| • Animal Agriculture | _____ | • Agriculture Communication | _____ |
| • Regulation | _____ | • Science Technology | _____ |
| • Agritourism | _____ | | |

Answers should not exceed one front-side page; Times New Roman, 12 point font, Double Spaced

1. Please explain why you want to serve as a member of the Agriculture Youth Council and what you hope to gain from the experience.
2. Describe your involvement in agriculture; past, present & future.

By signing this application, I understand that if selected, I will be expected to attend all events, tours, meetings and fully participate in group discussions at all Agriculture Youth Council sponsored events. I understand if I do not uphold this promise, I will be dismissed from the council and all remaining events for the year.

Name: _____ Date: _____

RETURN VIA EMAIL TO: MORGAN.VANCE@AG.OK.GOV
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NO GOOGLE FORMS SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 1