2022 Senior Job Interview Contest

Public speaking is one of the most important life skills 4-Hers develop over their 4-H careers. Yep, that’s right. You are developing career-based skills, and 4-H Club Day is one opportunity to develop and showcase these skills.

In 2022, Chase, Chautauqua, Coffey, Elk, Greenwood, Lyon and Morris counties will debut a Job Interview contest at their local club day for 4-Hers in the senior division ages 14-18. County winners will have the opportunity to compete at Regional 4-H Club Day.

Many of you may already have a cover letter and a resume put together for your project record book area screening requirement. With the cover letter and resume a new requirement for area and state, the Job Interview will give you another place to utilize the work you’ve already done (or encourage you to get these important career-based tools ready!). The guidelines and project specific work that is required for area record judging will be your guideline for preparing for this portion of the contest.

Page 10-11 and page 13 includes information on the cover letter and resume: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/docs/projectrecordsandawards/Master%20Guide%20to%20KS%204-H%20Project%20Recognition%20System.pdf

Job Interview contest expectations:

- 4-Hers will present a prepared cover letter and resume following the state record keeping guide. You will be able to use the cover letter and resume that you already put together for the area screening (or this will help you get this step of career employment started).
- 4-Hers will be interviewed by a potential employer/boss or panel of interviewers
- The interview will focus on the Job Description provided (see attached). The same Job Description will be used at both your local and regional 4-H Club Day competitions
- Interviews will be timed and will last no longer than 20 minutes
- The 4-Her who is selected as the top candidate for the job at each county contest will earn the right to compete in the Job Interview at Regional 4-H Club Day March 26 in Madison, KS. One alternate can be selected to attend if the top candidate wishes not to compete.

Note:
This is a mock interview competition. The job description is one of a job that could be filled by a teen 4-Her in your community but is not currently in the budget. Please review the information and consider your skills/experience and how it would fit into your goals and future career opportunities. What you present and share for the interview must be factual and true to your personal 4-H experience.
Youth Volunteer Coordinator

Position Description and Responsibilities:
Your Extension County 4-H program is looking for a Youth Volunteer Coordinator to serve as a teen spokesperson and coordinator to help recruit and engage new volunteers to help lead project-specific learning opportunities for community youth ages 5-18.

- Work directly with your local Extension Office 4-H program to help identify and recruit new or first-time volunteers willing to serve program areas including:
  - Project-based learning experiences
  - Leadership
  - Civic engagement/community service
  - Judging and evaluation

- Promote volunteer opportunities within the 4-H program to the community
- Assist new 4-H Volunteers in designing, implementing, and delivering positive youth development programs to new and underserved audiences in the community
- Help maintain the registered “volunteer portfolio” to help ensure new volunteers receive support and regular contact with your local 4-H Extension Office/program leader
- Help identify areas where new volunteer leadership is needed. Some example volunteer descriptions include:
  - Club Leader Position Description
  - Project Leader Position Description
  - Parents’ Committee Position
  - New Family Coordinator Position Description
  - Records Position Description
  - Public Speaking Position Description
  - The 4-H Project Exhibit: A Superintendent’s Role

Qualifications:
- Open to current 4-Her ages 14-18
- Evidence of strong 4-H participation and engagement in the community
- Willingness to learn more about positive youth development and the volunteer screening process
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with individuals, groups and through mass media
- Must uphold strict confidentiality and professionalism with volunteers and data management

Expectations:
The Youth Volunteer Coordinator will work approximately 2 hours per week (10 hours per month) over a one-year period. Upon completion of 120 hours, the Youth Volunteer Coordinator will receive a $250 scholarship.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: It is the policy of Kansas State University not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of his or her race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or because he or she is an individual with a disability or disabled or protected veterans. It is also the policy of Kansas State University to take affirmative action to employ and to advance in employment, all persons regardless of their status as individuals with disabilities or protected veterans, and to base all employment decisions only on valid job requirements. This policy shall apply to all employment actions, including but not limited to recruitment, hiring, upgrading, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, recall, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship, at all levels of employment. Furthermore, the company will provide qualified applicants and employees who request an accommodation due to a disability with reasonable accommodations, as required by law.
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Score Card for ____________________________ from ______________ County

- Cover letter (15 points) Points:_________
  - This cover letter may be project-specific and related to the area record keeping contest. Do not consider a cover letter more directly addressing the job application over a stronger letter that may be project-specific (i.e. beef or leadership). A top cover letter is well-written and provides good insight on what talents and reasons the individual is a top candidate.
  
  Comments:

- Resume (15 points) Points:_________
  - The resume may be project-specific and related to the area record keeping contest. Do not consider a resume more directly addressing the job application over a stronger resume that may be project-specific (i.e. visual arts or sheep). A top resume is well-written and provides good insight on what talents and reasons the individual is a top candidate.
  
  Comments:

- Introduction/background (10 points) Points:_________
  - Ask the candidate to introduce themselves and give a short background on their involvement in 4-H and interest in the Youth Volunteer Coordinator job.
  
  Comments:

- Ability to express/confirm how they meet the job Qualifications (40 points) Points:_________
  - Evidence of strong 4-H participation and engagement in the community
  - Willingness to learn more about positive youth development and the volunteer screening process
  - Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with individuals, groups and through mass media
  
  Comments:

- Ability of the candidate to answer questions/ask questions/show interest in working for 4-H (20 points) Points:_________

  Comments:

Both the Job Interview Committee and the Interviewee can use resources to prepare for this interview contest. Questions can be selected from this resource, as well as the 4-H Ambassador resource page.


4-H Ambassador Interview Questions (see right column) https://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/teen-leadership-opportunities/ambassadors/index.html