Welcome!

We’re pleased that you’re interested in learning more the Michigan 4-H youth development program and that you want to consider becoming a 4-H volunteer.

4-H is an exciting, progressive youth development program. Youth who participate in 4-H develop self-confidence, learn decision-making skills, gain an understanding about thinking globally and acting locally, meet and learn to relate to new friends and so much more.

Competent, caring adults who are concerned about young people are an important and integral part of 4-H youth development. Volunteers become positive role models for youth that participate in 4-H. Your willingness to step forward and provide leadership to Michigan’s youth during these rapidly changing times will bring great dividends to them and rewards to you. Working with kids can bring immense satisfaction as you watch them grow and develop. You, too, can gain new skills and meet new people as you participate in county, regional and state volunteer training workshops.

The purpose of this volunteer system is to help you get to know 4-H better and to help 4-H get to know you better. All new volunteers are required to comply with the Volunteer Selection Process, which consists of completing:

- an application
- supplying references
- undergoing a criminal history, Michigan & National Sex Offender Registry check
- submitting a photograph & Central Registry Clearance Request
- an online orientation
- an interview

Enclosed, please find the forms necessary for you to complete this process. This process is essential to ensuring a safe and positive environment for all of our 4-H youth. All information is kept confidential.

After you complete the 4-H volunteer information, you will be oriented to your role as a 4-H volunteer and will have opportunities to participate in various 4-H workshops and activities. If you have any questions or concerns about any step of the process to becoming a 4-H volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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