2014 Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Board of Director
Youth Member Application

Instructions: Please complete all sections and provide required documents. You must provide adequate support to help committee members who do not know you, understand your motivation and reasons for wanting to represent the youth voice of Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports. All applicants must have already passed his/her 14th birthday, and may not have passed his/her 18th birthday as of January 1, 2014. All applications must be submitted electronically. You can complete it in WORD and email it as an attachment or you can print off the application, fill it out, scan it, and send it as an email attachment. Please do not fax or mail hard copies. Two letters of reference from coaches, teachers, 4-H leaders, etc., must be emailed with your application. Please do not have references email their letters directly. Application and two reference letters must be received via email by 5:00 pm Friday, August 29, 2014 to be considered.

Email to Nick Baumgart, MSUE 4-H Shooting Sports Educator
baumga75@anr.msu.edu

Questions? Contact Nick Baumgart at 906-774-0363 or baumga75@anr.msu.edu. You can also contact any of our board members if you have questions.

Expectations of youth members of the MI 4-H Shooting Sports Board of Directors

1. Youth Board members are expected to represent the youth perspective on the MI 4-H Shooting Sports Program. This means, youth are expected to communicate with other youth from around the state in all shooting sports disciplines representing all age groups to bring their ideas to the Board for consideration. This does not have to be a formal process or all face to face but a distinct effort must be made to represent the diverse group of youth who belong to MI 4-H Shooting Sports Clubs.
2. Youth Board members are expected to attend face to face and conference call meetings of the board and are responsible for keeping up with the dates and times of these meetings as well as providing or arranging for their own transportation to and from these meetings as appropriate.
3. Youth Board members are expected to participate fully in face to face and conference call board meetings and be comfortable verbally expressing their ideas and those of other youth at these meetings.
4. Youth Board members are expected to respond to email from other board members and participate in email or other electronic discussions of the Board.
5. Youth Board members must read the by-laws and agree to support and abide by the by-laws of the MI 4-H Shooting Sports Board of Directors.
6. Youth Board members who are 16 years old as of Jan 1, of the current 4-H year are strongly encouraged to attend the 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop in the discipline of their choice.
7. Youth Board members must understand that they may incur costs associated with participating on the Board and no compensation or reimbursement for those expenses is to be expected.
8. Youth Board members are expected to assist with the State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament even if they are competing. This includes recruiting other youth and adults to help with the tournament.
9. Youth members are expected to continue to be active in their local 4-H Shooting Sports Club and present themselves at all times (not just at 4-H sponsored events) as a person of good character and an ambassador of MI 4-H.
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Name of Applicant ________________________________ Sex  __F     __M

Date of Birth ___/___/_______ Age as of January 1, 2014 _______________

Youth E-mail Address ______________________________________________________

Mailing Address ____________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State _____   Zip code ___________

Home Phone (______)_______________ Youth cell phone (______)_______________

Parent/ Guardian(s) Name(s) ________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian(s) Daytime Phone (_____)____________ e-mail ____________________

County _________________ County 4-H Staff Contact Person ____________________

4-H Club ________________ 4-H Club Leader _________________________________

Youth Board Members can serve one-year or two-year terms and no more than two terms total regardless of length of terms served. Translated, that means a youth member could potentially serve on the board from one to four years providing they meet all other requirements. If selected to serve on the board, for your first term would you prefer to serve

____ one year
____ two years

Please respond to the following questions completely and honestly.

1. List at least 3 reasons why you want to represent the voice of Michigan youth on the 4-H Shooting Sports Board of Directors?
2. Briefly outline your experience in 4-H. Include shooting specific activities as well as other 4-H participation.

3. List and describe any leadership roles you have held within 4-H or in other organizations. Give examples of your ability to speak in public and/or share your thoughts with youth and adults groups.

4. If asked by a news reporter, “Why should parents get their children involved in shooting sports when there is so much in the news already about gun violence?”, how would you respond?
5. What are your thoughts about people who are “anti-gun”?

6. What has participation in the 4-H Shooting Sports program done for you?

7. What do you think participation in 4-H Shooting Sports has the potential to do for youth and families?

8. Please share anything else you would like about yourself that you feel will help us in our selection of the youth representatives on the 4-H Shooting Sports Board of Directors.
County 4-H Coordinator or Educator Certification: I certify that the above named individual is currently an active member of the 4-H program in my county enrolled in Shooting Sports.

__________________________________________
County 4-H Coordinator or Educator Signature Date

Parent Approval: I grant permission for my above named child/ward to be considered for a position on the Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Board of Directors. I and my child/ward understand that no financial support will be provided and that transportation to and from meetings and events is our responsibility.

__________________________________________
Parent or Guardian Date

Applicant Agreement: If selected to serve on the MI 4-H Board of Directors, I agree to abide by the Board’s by-laws and to always present myself in a respectful and responsible manner.

__________________________________________
Applicant Date

Include two letters of recommendation. List the requested information for those providing your letters below. Letters may not come from parents or other immediate family members. Letters may come from, but are not limited to coaches, teachers, employers, leaders etc. and should address your ability to appropriately represent the youth voice of Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports.

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