

# APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS DELEGATES

Take your 4-H experience to another level through Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF). An eight-day intensive summer citizenship program for youth aged 14-18. Through Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), teens experience Washington D.C. like never before. Using the nation's capital as their classroom, CWF connects young leaders from across the country to gain the skills and experiences to become effective change agents.

The Douglas County Citizenship Washington Focus program will be an 18-month long program. The next trip will be taken June of 2026. The tentative dates are June 20 - June 27, 2026. **The application process includes an interview and a submitted application. Applications will be accepted for the 2026 trip, now through October 15, 2024.** Interviews will be scheduled once all applications are received. Program participants will be announced by December 1, 2024.

**All applicants are required to attend an informational meeting about the CWF Program on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 6:30 pm at the Extension office.**

Contact Nickie Harding at [nharding@ksu.edu](mailto:nharding@ksu.edu) or 785-843-7058 for questions.

Must have 10 delegates. If less than 10 delegates are eligible, applications can be forwarded to the State Sponsored Trip at your request.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H'er Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First, Middle, Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street/Route and/or Box#) (Town/City) (Zip Code)

Best Family E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H'er E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian # 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of January 1 (2025): \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

## Delegates should:

- ✓ Be responsible and a mature youth, 14-18 by January 1 of 2026.
- ✓ Demonstrate leadership qualities, including self-discipline and sense of group responsibility.
- ✓ Implement and apply citizenship and leadership concepts learned through CWF.
- ✓ Attend meetings, fundraise, and be a part of, other events related to the CWF experience.
- ✓ Must be enrolled in Citizenship and Leadership as 4-H projects.
- ✓ **Be present at the CWF Informational Meeting on Thursday, September 26 at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office.**

**Citizenship-Washington Focus provides opportunities for young people to:**

- ✓ Strengthen communication, leadership, and other citizenship skills on a local, county, state, and national level.
- ✓ Understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders.
- ✓ Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds.
- ✓ Experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of our nation's Capital City, Washington, D.C.

Your application will be reviewed locally. When selections have been made the applicant will be notified. If there are not enough eligible delegates for a county trip, applicants will be encouraged to submit to the State 4-H Office.

Indicate what your specific expectations are for participating in Citizenship Washington Focus.

Write your definition of citizenship:

**Summary of 4-H work:** Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ Years enrolled in leadership as a project \_\_\_\_\_

Years enrolled in citizenship as a project \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been to Washington, D.C. Yes      No      When \_\_\_\_\_

List ways you feel you have helped your 4-H group by serving as a leader. Be specific on kinds of help given. (For example: I served as an assistant project leader.)

Choose and describe one experience in 4-H that has given you the greatest sense of enjoyment and satisfaction.

List ways you have contributed to the local 4-H program or to the development of your community - assistance to other clubs, county events, county committees. Community service, community resource development, environmental concerns, are a few suggested areas.

Describe one community need of special interest to you as a citizen of your 4-H Club or your community. Indicate how you as an individual or as a member of a group might act on the issue.

List other youth activities (school, church, etc.)

Tell how you plan to use information gained from this trip upon your return home on individual, club, or county level. Be as specific as you can.

Any other information you feel is important towards your application

By submitting this application, I understand the goal of Citizenship Washington Focus is to learn more about how our government works and experience this firsthand through workshops, meetings, and conferences. I understand there is a financial obligation involved with my commitment, which includes a deposit and reaching set fundraising goals throughout the planning process for the trip. I understand that if I am unable to reach the fundraising goals set forth, I will be responsible for the monetary difference. I understand that I am representing not only myself, but the Douglas County, Kansas 4-H program, and Kansas 4-H. I will present myself in a manner which, represents these entities in a dignified and positive manner.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_