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July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

TO: All County Extension Coordinators and 4-H Agents  
RE: **National 4-H Dairy Conference Application**  
**Conference Dates: September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Madison, WI**

**APPLICATION DUE:  
August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

This is an official call for applications to serve as a Georgia Youth delegate to the National 4-H Dairy Conference. A committee will select *up to* three delegates from the applications. These delegates will receive an expense paid trip to the conference in Madison, Wisconsin.

The National 4-H Dairy Conference is one of the most outstanding educational events sponsored by 4-H. More than 200 delegates from throughout the United States and Canada will participate in this almost week long event that includes educational workshops, tours, and motivational speakers. It is an opportunity of a lifetime to meet many current and future leaders of the dairy industry.

The conference begins Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and concludes Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Travel plans will be arranged after delegates have been selected but please note that Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at a minimum, will be used for travel days. Obtaining permission to be absent from school for these dates will be necessary. More information will be forwarded to the successful applicants as the final plans are developed.

Enclosed is the necessary application form. Please have each 4-H'er, who is interested in applying complete the application. This conference is designed for youth in 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades and **applicants must be 15 but not more than 18 by January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2019**. Delegates are expected to have participated in 3+ years of a dairy project, have excelled in that project, and be sincerely interested in learning more about aspects of the dairy industry. Selected youth delegates cannot be members of the judging team that is participating in the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest or plan on showing at World Dairy Expo. Return the completed application to Dr. Jillian Bohlen at the address above by August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019. County agents should include a letter of recommendation indicating why they feel this individual should be selected to represent Georgia 4-H. If interested in reading more about the conference and follow conference updates, please visit:

<http://national4hdairyconference.org>

Thank you very much for your help in identifying and recruiting youth who are worthy of the honor. This is truly an outstanding conference, which will be a highlight of their 4-H career. We are also looking for one to two adult chaperones to accompany these youth delegates on the trip. If interested, please indicate your interest with an email to the address below. If you have **any** questions about this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jillian Bohlen  
Assistant Professor and Dairy Specialist  
jfain@uga.edu

cc Mrs. Heather Shultz  
Mr. Arch Smith  
Dr. Francis Fluharty

## National 4-H Dairy Conference Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address of youth or parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of January 1, 2019: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Dairy Project: \_\_\_\_\_

**Use Additional Sheets as Necessary**

**4-H Dairy Activities:**

**Other Dairy Activities (Breed organizations, etc.)**

**Other 4-H Activities:**

<b>Other Activities (School Community, etc.)</b>
<b>Special Honors:</b>

Write a brief essay on “Why I would like to attend the National 4-H Dairy Conference”

Please include signatures from each of the following:

4-H'er : \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

County Extension Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

**County Agents:**

**Please remember to write a letter of support for your applicant as part of the application process. These letters are due with the application by August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Please return the completed application and letter of support by August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to:

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Or email to (must include scanned signature page):

[jfain@uga.edu](mailto:jfain@uga.edu)