

Extension Council Youth Representative Code of Conduct

Extension Council Youth Representatives are “high profile” leaders of University of Missouri Extension and Missouri’s 4-H program. Everything they do during their term reflects on MU Extension and 4-H. Because the name and reputation of these entities is so valuable, the youth of past Missouri State 4-H Councils have created a Code of Conduct, below, that youth council members commit to living by during their terms. The same standards apply to youth ages 14-17 appointed to serve on County Extension Councils.

This Code of Conduct reflects the standards, guidelines and expectations of all youth council members.

As an Extension Council Youth Representative, I will...

1. Obey the laws of my community, state and country, and I accept responsibility for knowing them.
2. Stay 100% free from drugs, alcohol and tobacco, and remain above the influence of others who use or abuse these controlled substances.
3. Attend all Extension Council meetings and all 4-H events that I have volunteered for, unless otherwise excused in advance by an Adult Advisor to the Extension Council.
4. Take responsibility for my choices and accept the consequences of my actions. I know that I can be dismissed from the Extension Council immediately if I fail to uphold the first three expectations above.
5. Work cooperatively and respectfully with the youth, adult staff, and volunteers of 4-H and University of Missouri Extension.
6. Seek training for my council role which will help me work more effectively with youth and adults.
7. Be trustworthy and reliable in carrying out responsibilities I’ve accepted.
8. Look out for safety and well-being of others, and act quickly to report anything which threatens it.
9. Accept that I am a role model, and use etiquette expected of an Extension Council member, including:
 - Abstaining from public displays of affection that are not appropriate for the places I am in.
 - Dressing respectfully, and in a way that’s appropriate for the task at hand.
 - Keeping my language appropriate to the environments I’m in, and avoiding profanity.
 - Showing up on time or early to council meetings and events.
10. Use my best judgment, because I also understand that not all things that are inappropriate are written in this code of conduct.

Extension Council Youth Name: _____

Extension Council Youth Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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