

# Missouri State 4-H Council Code of Conduct

*Missouri State 4-H Council members are “high profile” representatives of Missouri’s 4-H program. Everything they do during their term reflects on 4-H. Because the name and reputation of 4-H is so valuable, the youth of past Missouri State 4-H Councils have created the Code of Conduct, below, that Council members commit to living by during their terms. This Code of Conduct reflects the standards, guidelines and expectations of all 4-H Council members.*

## **As a State 4-H Council member, 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, including alcohol and tobacco, and will not stay in the presence of others who are using drugs.
3. attend all Missouri State 4-H council meetings and all 4-H events that I have volunteered for, unless otherwise excused in advance by an Adult Advisor of the Missouri State 4-H council.
4. take responsibility for my choices and accept the consequences of my actions. I know that I can be dismissed from the State 4-H 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. be trustworthy and reliable in carrying out responsibilities I’ve accepted.
7. act quickly to report any threats to the safety or well-being of others.
8. look out for safety and well-being of others, and will act quickly to report anything which threatens it.
9. accept that I am a role model, and use the etiquette expected of a Missouri State 4-H council member, including:
  - abstaining from any 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 4-H 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

State Council Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

State Council Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_