



DAKOTA COUNTY 4-H

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

CWF is a week-long 4-H citizenship and leadership event for high school youth from across the United States, that takes place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Washington D.C. Youth learn about government, the legislative process, meet with elected officials and visit many national monuments and historical sites in Washington D.C. Space is limited. Participants travel by coach bus to our Nations' capitol for a weeklong adventure.

- Who: Youth who have completed 9th grade and are at least 14 years old
- What: Leadership trip to Washington D.C.
- When: June 23-30, 2018
- Where: National 4-H Conference Center, Washington D.C.
- Cost: \$1600; your first payment of \$400 is due on January 29, 2018 with application and second payment of \$1200 is due on April 30, 2018. Please make checks payable to the University of Minnesota.

For more details, go to the Citizenship Washington Focus website at

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/events/citizenship-washington-focus/>

Participants may apply for a \$400 scholarship from the Dakota County 4-H Federation.


Scholarship recipients are required to:

1. Work an additional food stand or malt stand shift during the 2018 Dakota County Fair.
2. Do a presentation at an upcoming Federation Meeting about their CWF trip.
3. Scholarship reimbursed after requirement met.

Application deadline: Monday, January 29, 2018.

Questions or comments? Contact Abby Wagner at 651-480-7752 or torg0016@umn.edu

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List ways you feel you have helped your 4-H program by serving as a youth leader. (This may include help given to younger members, committees, offices held, assistance given to adult leaders, etc.)

List ways you have helped the county 4-H program. This could include being an ambassador, a camp counselor, planning events, helping clubs.

List your major 4-H projects.

List other activities/hobbies (school and organizations outside of 4-H).

What experience have you had speaking in front of groups?

What travel experiences have you had?

What is one thing you would like to get out of the CWF experience?

Are there limitations on your physical activities because of health reasons? (If so, explain.)

List anything else you consider important about yourself concerning your application for the Citizenship Washington Focus trip.

Attach the following 3 items:

1. A statement: I would like to be chosen as a delegate to the Citizenship Washington Focus program because...
2. Choose at least one (1) of the following topics and complete an essay of at least one page:
 - A. Good citizenship is...
 - B. Discuss the significance of patriotism in your life and how certain events have changed the way you see your home country.
 - C. Explain why you think only just over 1/2 of the qualified American citizen's vote.
 - D. If you were the president, a senator or congressperson, what would be your top priority and concerns? What would you do and why?
3. One Letter of Recommendation, from someone not related to you, in addition to your club leaders comments below.

I understand that there is a cost to this trip and if selected, I will be expected to contribute one half or more of the total cost of the trip, and will help with fundraising efforts.

Applicant's signature

Parent/Guardian signature

Leader comments:

Leader Signature _____

Return completed application with \$400 deposit, payable to University of Minnesota by Jan. 29 to:
Dakota County 4-H
Attn: CWF
4100 220th Street West, Ste 101
Farmington, MN 55024