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Each year, senior 4-H youth from across the United States and Puerto Rico gather together at The National 4-H Congress. Attending National 4-H Congress as an Oregon Delegate is the pinnacle of many 4-H members' experience.

While at Congress, youth participate in a program of educational and cultural experiences, large-scale community service, and opportunities to cultivate the powerful voice of youth in leadership.

In short, National 4-H Congress provides experiences that help prepare youth for the important roles they play, both today and in the future.

Oregon's Commitment

The Oregon 4-H program views National 4-H Congress as an important opportunity for 4-H youth, and is committed to providing this experience to as many 4-H members who can benefit as possible. The Oregon delegation to National 4-H Congress is selected each year by the State 4-H Recognition Committee. Selection for a trip to Congress is based on the member's achievement in 4-H projects, leadership, communication, citizenship, and community service.

Selecting the Delegation

The selection of the delegation for National 4-H Youth Congress is based on information provided by the member in the State 4-H Résumé. The goal in selecting delegates for National 4-H Congress is

Voices of the 2000 Delegation



4-H National Congress is a week filled with inspirational speakers, educational workshops, new friendships, and a refreshing look at the world. This experience is an event all 4-H'ers should aspire to attend. It's a place to learn from your peers and exchange ideas with 4-H Ambassadors from across the nation. Congress encourages the positive growth of young leaders and inspires each person to make the best better.

—Melissa Chee, Washington County

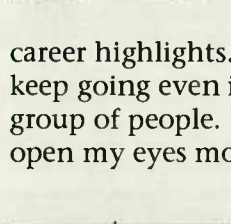
I really enjoyed the banquet on the last night. Thank you to the donors so much for making such a changing event possible in a person's 4-H career. I really enjoyed it!

—RD Mosier, Lane County



National 4-H Congress was a wonderful experience. I loved the tours as well as the speakers. It is really neat to be able to come to the beautiful city of Atlanta and experience the sights, speeches, and workshops.

—Jennifer Williams, Wallowa County



My Congress experience has been one of my 4-H career highlights. This week taught me to challenge myself further and keep going even if I've met my goal. I've never been around a neater group of people. I took this opportunity to meet new people, be different, open my eyes more, and take advantage of my similarities and differences.

—Karlina Christensen, Yamhill County



I had a great time in Atlanta. Everything was great! I met lots of new friends and went to some really neat workshops. This has been one of the greatest experiences in my life.

—Tanner Perrine, Umatilla County

to select those applicants who demonstrate growth and accomplishment in the following areas:

- Leadership
- Citizenship and Community Service
- 4-H Projects and Activities
- Communication
- Setting and Achieving Goals

In addition to submitting the State 4-H Résumé, finalists for National 4-H Congress are required to participate in a day of activities with the State Recognition Committee. This day, which takes place at the 4-H Summer Conference in June, is designed to help the committee assess the finalist's readiness to benefit from a trip to Congress. The day includes formal interviews with the committee, informal times for interaction with the committee and other finalists, and participation in educational workshops.



Adam Bunch, Jackson County, at the 4-H Congress International Dinner.

Funding the Trip— You Can Help!

While each delegate contributes a modest amount toward the cost of the trip, the primary source of funding for National 4-H Congress is provided through the generous donations of individuals, groups, and corporations. A major fundraising campaign is undertaken each winter to secure funding for the trip. Every dollar contributed translates into a life-changing experience for another outstanding 4-H member.

If you are interested in donating to National 4-H Congress, please contact Mr. Todd Olney, Director of Development, Oregon 4-H Foundation, 541-737-2602. The Oregon 4-H Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization and an associate of the Oregon State University Foundation.

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