

Tommy Hawes

4-H Member and Florida 4-H State Officer Candidate



Introduction

Hello, my name is Tommy Hawes. I am from Broward County and I have been a 4-H member ever since I joined the program at 5 years old. I am running for the office of 2024-2025 Florida 4-H State Council Secretary. 4-H has given me a deep passion for learning, experiencing new things, and serving my community, my country, and my world. I have been a member of multiple clubs, Broward County Council, District XIII Council, and the Florida 4-H Executive Board. I hope to be able to serve you in this office.

Personal Goals:

My objective is to work as a productive member of society and be a disciple of God. When I enter the workforce, I plan on doing work that will make the world a better place and benefit others. I also plan to continue improving my archery skills, hopefully one day becoming a world-competitor. Currently, my biggest goal is to make a positive impact on the 4-H program, and I feel that serving as the Florida 4-H State Council Secretary would help my fulfil that goal.

Education:

Florida Virtual School

9th Grade-Present

Academic Honor Role

Workforce Experience:

March 2021 – Present: Mayhem Ranch – Ranch Hand

Owner: Mr. Jimmy Wickett – Davie, FL & Morriston, FL

*Caring for both livestock and exotic animals
Assisting at festivals (Management, Transport, etc).
Property Management*

4-H Roles & Qualifications:

Florida 4-H Executive Board: *iLEAD and Service Committee Member (2023-2024) and iLEAD and Ways and Means Committee Member (2022-2023).*

Work Ready Florida 4-H Club: *Ambassador*

Southern Bore 4-H Club: *President*

Fort Lauderdale Archers 4-H Club: *Vice President*

Project Stable 4-H Club: *Secretary*

Florida Farm Bureau Convention: *Representative*

Recent 4-H Experiences, Responsibilities, & Awards:

*National 4-H Shooting Sports Competitor for Team Florida: Compound Archery
Florida 4-H State Archery Match—State Champion
Florida 4-H Regional Tailgate Competition/Beef Division—Regional Champion
Florida 4-H State Tailgate Competition/Beef Division—State Champion
Florida 4-H State Air Rifle Match—Second Place
President of the United States' Volunteer Service Gold Award - 500 Hours*

Volunteer Service:

As a 4-H member, community improvement is one of my most important goals. As such, my volunteer service covers an array of organizations and missions. Some of my most impactful service projects include (but are not limited to):

Feeding South Florida, Pier and Beach Clean-Ups, Bio Blitz, Project ROC, One Beautiful World, Project Stable, Hurricane Ian Relief Drive, Operation Christmas Child, Wreaths Across America, Manatee Bay Hurricane Ian Relief Drive, Mango Gleaning, Archery Range Cleanup, and 1 Million Meals Packing.

Life Skills:

Leadership: *Leadership is very important, especially when working in groups. Through 4-H, I have had the opportunity to serve as president, vice president, and secretary of many clubs. Thanks to this experience, I have become a strong and reliable leader.*

Organization: *Organization is key when planning events, trips, or anything of the sort. Organization is also important for time management. It can help you ensure that tasks are completed on time. Through my 11 years in 4-H, I have learned how to be organized.*

Public Speaking: *Whether you're leading a state wide event, or leading a small club, public speaking is crucial. With my experience as a member of the Florida 4-H Executive Board, being the president of multiple clubs, and my general involvement in 4-H, my public speaking skills have grown exponentially, and for that I am very grateful.*