

Resume

Personal Summary

I have learned, primarily through 4-H and through other outlets such as physical labor and the homeschool curriculum I take, the importance of an enduring work ethic, general leadership skills, and efficient problem solving. I am also generally good with people and can manage groups small to large in all kinds of circumstances.

Work Ethic

For my work ethic, I thank my loving parents. Since I could lift I've been taught the value of a servant's heart, which I have been able to put to work since I have been learning how to run my father's landscaping business. It's been made clear to me that standing idle when there is work to be done is not acceptable. I feel that this is an important characteristic of any leader. A leader should recognize that their duty is to serve the group of people that they lead. This is also why I indicated on the application form that if I am not to be elected to the position of president, my preference for the appointed positions is sergeant-at-arms, as I believe that the sergeant-at-arms should be constantly willing to jump in and tackle any job that needs completion. As state president, I hope to apply this to every aspect of my leadership position by identifying what work is needed for the benefit of my fellow 4-H'ers, and personally seeing to the execution of that work with diligence, ensuring that the product of my work is satisfactory in the same way I would at work.

Leadership Skills

In general, I am a natural-born leader. This I have been able to develop and polish through various 4-H opportunities ranging from serving as the president of my 4-H club and county council to participating in a range of very leadership-oriented events such as 4-H University and Legislature. I feel quite comfortable in situations where I am needed to conduct large groups of people to identify a goal, [figure out] how that goal is to be achieved, and situate members of the group into roles based on their strengths and inclinations. I also make sure to consider myself as a working component of this equation and constantly try to help where it is needed. I mentioned that I am comfortable in circumstances like this, and would like to also state that if it is necessary for me to step outside of my comfort zone in order to properly act as leader, I am more than willing to do so. Another example of a leadership role that I've assumed is the action my District Council is taking to obtain immunity from dissolution in light of the recently publicized District Board Pilot. This, of course, is a council endeavor, however I have taken the initiative to tend to a majority of the leg work by drafting a treaty for us to propose and leading a campaign to get signatures from 4-H members to support our cause.

Problem Solving

Predominantly because of my personality, I enjoy solving problems efficiently. When there is an issue, I love to identify the most efficient plan for resolving it and taking steps to enact that plan quickly, cost-effectively, and satisfactorily. When faced with a situational puzzle, I appreciate the challenge. This is very applicable to the District Council campaign I mentioned earlier, as there are many moving parts in the situation including our council, the other remaining district councils, the pilot, the state council, etc. I plan to implement this tactic into my presidency wherever possible. Any conflicts that arise, whether that of scheduling, resources, member appeal, I will solve in the most satisfactory way possible.

4-H Experience

I would like to list a few experiences I have had through 4-H that I believe are relevant to the office I am running for.

Executive Board Member- This has been my first year serving on the Executive Board, during which I have been able to adapt to a form of mock government that I was previously unfamiliar with. As a member of the Legislature committee, I have essentially been given a crash course in collaborating with 4-H'ers, sometimes with radically different ideas and opinions, to plan an event with participants from across the entire state. I have been able to utilize the principle that a representative has a duty primarily to the interests of the assembly they are serving on, and directly following, a duty to the good of the group that they are representing. This has prepared me for a position as a state officer because I now more comprehensively understand the representation concept, and I have become familiar with the group of people that frequent state events and positions and that I will likely be working very closely with.

Club President- I have been elected as the president of my 4-H club, Town and Country, and already have been needed to resolve some issues and put my problem solving to the test. Our club hosted an end of the year celebration at the home of a club member. An inflatable water slide and food were needed, both components that were the responsibility of the end of the year celebration committee, which I was the chair of. The committee decided on what kind of water slide was to be rented and that the food provided would be pizza, however, I had to work to actually carry out those decisions. I scoured inflatable rental websites until I found the water slide that adhered most to our original decision that was also available on the day of the event. I then made the call to reserve the slide and worked out the payment method so that the fee would be made directly to the club. Then there was the matter of pizza delivery. I was actually going to be at the third Executive Board meeting that weekend and would be unable to attend the celebration, so I delegated the task to a committee member I knew would be at the event and could be trusted to handle it. Because of this and other situations like it, I feel prepared to tackle any obstacle I am faced with as state president.

Education

High School Graduate

Classical Conversations

Anticipated Graduation May 2025

Experience in Mock Trial, Team Policy Debate, and Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Six years studying Latin

Volunteer Work

The Southeastern Youth Fair has an opportunity for highschoolers to earn volunteer hours serving as Ambassadors, which entails a variety of service commitments such as bell ringing for the Salvation Army, assisting VIP guests in finding their seats at a PBR event, and various jobs at the actual youth fair, which range from running sale sheets to bidders to working gates at check-in to just being available to run to the gas station and grab a couple of packs of waters for the announcers. I've been in the youth fair ambassador program for about four years, and it has opened my eyes to the work that goes into running the Southeastern Youth Fair and maintaining a healthy representation of its participants to attract new exhibitors and to encourage sponsors. I believe that this outlook would be a valuable asset to someone in a leadership position such as the one that I am applying for.

I am also a youth volunteer at my church, where I help out in Kid Zone whenever help is needed. I have no doubt that this provided plenty of opportunities to practice patience.