

4-H State Officer Resume

Taylor Thigpen, Vice President Candidate

Clay County, Florida

Objective: Serving as the 2022-2023 State Council Vice President, I will spend time building relationships with members, stakeholders and agents across the great state of Florida. These relationships will include leadership building and the educating of events for members to participate in. As the Vice President, I will serve along-side the President and our State Organization to effectively communicate opportunities and ideas to our agents across the state to overall “make the best, better!” Throughout the year, I will strive to take the time educating the youth all across Florida from inside the schools to speaking to communities of the tremendous opportunities 4-H has, all while working to increase membership in the 4-H Program. It will be my goal that each member has a unique and personal relationship with me throughout the year, whether that is teaching a cloverbud to deliver a speech, teaching a junior to show a chicken, working with an intermediate to compete in judging or preparing a senior to run for an office. I will take the time to make sure each 4-H member is successful and aware of the numerous opportunities available to them. Florida youth should know 4-H is not only agriculture, although important, youth should be aware of the amazing programs we have such as steam, cooking, dancing, arts etc. Throughout the year I will make sure the true image of 4-H opportunities are expressed through social media and communication. Working along with the State Officer team, I can guarantee that I will make sure we are delivering quality events and education across the state and that each event is up to date of the current trends. I will be a support to our fellow officers such as supporting our treasurer in financial skills such as grant writing or working with the secretary on building a better state communication email blast. To sum this, remember the word, ‘Opportunity.’ As the State Vice President, I will make sure each and every youth is provided different opportunities to strengthen their goals and to grow into a successful individual.

Education:

- 11th grade student, class of 2024
- Honors, Summa Cum Laude
- Government and Conservation Fellowship

Experience:**Plantkingusa, Owner (2020-present)**

I run an online Horticulture business and manage each aspect of customer service, shipping, greenhouse management and oversee three employees and two locations.

Non-Profit Grant Writing, Self employed (2020 - present)

I have written over six-figures in grants for deserving Nonprofits and schools across Florida. I also have served on national committees delivering one million dollars in grants for education, physical education and agricultural opportunities.

100 Men Of Clay County, Board member (2021- present)

I currently serve on the board and helped start the 100 Men group. The purpose of this Nonprofit is for 100 Men to meet quarterly and raise funds to award them to deserving Nonprofits across Clay County.

Extracurriculars:

- 4-H, President x4, Treasurer x3

Through 4-H, I have served as a 4-H Executive Board Member, LEG planning committee member, SRTLC planning committee member, District and County Council representative and have served my county and state 4-H through various leadership conferences and events. I have been recognized as a 'Gold' level member and have given speeches on 4-H to my community and even to our state legislatures. I have put many hours into strengthening my 4-H leadership skills by attending 4-H events across the country such as University, Teen Leadership Conference, LEG, Pollinator Habitat conference and more. I have had the opportunity to gain a heart for service, collecting over 1,000 volunteer hours through 4-H & other programs.

- Speech and Debate, President (2019- current)
- Future Business Leaders Of America Treasurer and District President (2019-2021)
- Fuel Up To Play 60 State Ambassador/ Youth Council (2017- current)
- National GenYouth Student Board Chair (2018- current)
- Summa Cum Honor Society
- Interact Club
- Model UN
- Youth Leadership Jacksonville (2021-2022)
- Cross Country (2017- current)

Skills developed through 4-H:

- Communication & Impromptu thinking
- Leadership
- Entrepreneurial development
- Relationship building
- Collaboration & Teamwork
- Advocacy
- Follow-through mindset & Problem solving