

# CAMPAIGNING & ELECTION OF DISTRICT AND STATE 4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS

## APPLICATIONS FOR RUNNING FOR OFFICE

1. All candidates seeking an office on the State 4-H Council, must have submitted an application to the State 4-H Office by APRIL 1, 2009. The information and application is on the 4-H Website at:  
[http://msucares.com/4h>Youth/4hleadership/council\\_officers.html](http://msucares.com/4h>Youth/4hleadership/council_officers.html)
2. Each applicant's information will be sent to the counties prior to Congress, and should be distributed to all delegates attending Congress. The County 4-H staff will be responsible for sharing this information.

## CAMPAIGNING

1. **"Meet Your Candidates"** campaigning will be done on **Wednesday, May 27 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at the dorms and in front of the cafeteria and that night from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm in front of the cafeteria.** At those times, candidates will be available to shake hands, hand out campaign literature and discuss their candidacy with voters.
2. Each candidate may exhibit only one poster, no larger than 22" x 28", at the **"Meet Your Candidates"** event at **5:00 pm - 7:00 pm in front of the cafeteria on Wednesday May 27.**
3. The poster may be placed on an easel or stand brought by the candidate. Candidates must remove their posters and clean up all trash by **7:15 pm on May 27.**
4. Candidates should campaign on their own merits. Put-downs of other candidates, implied or stated, are unacceptable and could result in disqualification. Candidates may also be disqualified if they throw items into the audience from the stage.
5. All campaigning will be at the expense of the candidate.
6. Campaigning may not be done in the area of the polls.

## SPEECHES

1. Campaign speeches will be given at the General Assembly the night of **Wednesday, May 27, 2009 in Lee Hall.** Candidates should arrive 15 minutes prior to the assembly starting time (7:15 pm) to be seated in the reserved seating area.
2. All candidates, including District Vice-president candidates will make speeches at the Wednesday night general assembly.
3. Dress should be professional:

Boys: Nice slacks and shirt with tie, jacket is optional.

Girls: Business suit (pants or skirt) or dress

4. Speeches will be time limited:
  - President - 3 minutes
  - Other officer candidates - 2 minutes
5. Speeches should be professional in nature with no theatrics, props (hats, wigs, shoes, bikes, etc.), extra people, audience distractions, and loud noises and shouting.
6. **THESE RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** The campaigning, speeches and the whole election process should be professional, respectful and serious.

## **ELECTIONS**

1. All 4-Hers can vote in the election provided counties pay the **\$5.00** Council dues. These dues are to be sent with Congress registration by **May 1, 2009**. Eligible counties will be listed on district sign-in lists.
2. Voting will be held **Wednesday night**, following the general assembly in the Sanderson Center. The voting process will be as follows:
  - District Tables will be set for each district, with “election commissioners” manning the tables.
  - Delegates will sign-in with the election commissioner.
  - Delegates will be given a ballot to mark and will put it into a ballot box provided at the district table.
3. A second ballot will be voted on **Thursday morning from 7:00 am to 8:00 am in front of the cafeteria.**
4. Final results will be announced on **Thursday night, May 28**, during the assembly.
5. An Orientation Meeting and installation practice for all newly elected officers will be held on **Friday, May 29, 2009 at 8:00 am in Lee Hall on the stage.**
6. Pictures will be made of the newly elected State council officers following the awards program on **Friday morning.**