Delegates at National 4-H Congress

Dr. Richard Clark

I had the pleasure of recently joining the Tennessee delegation to National 4-H Congress while they were in Atlanta. This group of 41 senior high 4-H members and chaperones spent five days learning about leadership, citizenship, STEM, and healthy living, participating in a service project, and making new friends. This event, in its 97th year, provided participants the opportunity to engage in hands-on workshops, service projects, and hear keynote speakers such as Holocaust survivor Eugen Schoenfeld, Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, and Miss America Cara Mund.

A highlight of National 4-H Congress is the annual brunch at the Ritz Carlton. Previous delegates to the event provide financial support to ensure that the delegates have this experience year after year. This year we were joined by Director Emeritus Steve Sutton as well as Dr. Robert Burns, Dean, UT Extension, and his wife Rita.

Congratulations to the delegation on earning this trip to National 4-H Congress, and special thanks to each supporter who helped ensure our 4-H members had the opportunity to attend this event.
Parents and youth are looking for all possible ways to make college affordable. Tennessee 4-H offers 24 college scholarships for active 4-H members. High school seniors who are planning to attend college should review the list of scholarships offered and determine if they qualify to apply.

Paper scholarship application are no longer accepted. An online 4-H College Scholarship Program will be used to submit scholarship applications. The program is very easy to use. Each section has brief instructions to follow. A summary chart of college scholarships is available on our web site at https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/forms_materials.aspx#16. Note that not all of the scholarships require youth to major in agriculture or attend UTK. Some scholarships are also available to youth who have already completed one year of college so read the guidelines carefully! There is additional information on each scholarship in the Awards and Recognition Handbook, Section VI. The handbook is located on our web site (click on the Green AWARDS circle and select Recognition.) In addition to the summary chart, there are other resources available on the web page to facilitate the process of completing the application. Make sure you read those resources before you start working on the application. Among the resources is a User Guide for the application process. The link to the application program is https://4hscholarship.tennessee.edu/

The online process requires an electronic approval from the county agent before the applicant submits the application to the state 4-H office. This feature is to allow the agent to review and give feedback on the content of the application. The applicant can then review and update the information on the application before submitting the document to the state 4-H office. Applications are due on the date announced by the county Extension agent and must be submitted to the state office no later than May 1. After May 1, the program locks and applications will not be accepted.
Important note: 4-H members applying for the G.L. Herrington Agricultural Scholarships must submit their application to the state 4-H office by March 1. When submitting, the applicant can apply for other scholarships as well. Again, the county Extension agent will announce the application due date he/she needs to be able to review applications before the applicant can submit the final application to the state 4-H office.

4-H College Scholarships:

- African-American Scholarship - $300
- Alpha Gamma Rho Agricultural Scholarship (AGR) - $500
- Alan Peace Memorial Scholarship - $1,000
- Arthur Wells Memorial Scholarship - $500
- Charline H. Powell Scholarship - $1000
- Earl Knepp Agricultural Scholarship - $600
- Farm Credit Services of Mid-America 4-H Scholarship - $1000
- FarmHouse Agricultural Scholarship - $500
- Gilbert N. Rhodes Agricultural Scholarship - $1,000
- G.L. Herrington Agricultural Scholarship (due March 1) - $1000
- Harold Robbins Agricultural Scholarship - $300
- Hamilton-Brown Scholarship - $500
- Lovelace-McKinney Scholarship (renewable for 4 years) - $1500/semester
- Mary Basinger Elliott Memorial Scholarship - $1500
- Mary Stanfill Family & Consumer Sciences Scholarship - $200
- Mary Stanfill Memorial Scholarship - $1000
- Richard Shadden Memorial Scholarship - $250
- Stephen McNeil Memorial Scholarship - $500
- TEAFCS Scholarship - $500
- TFGA Mary B. Cooper Scholarship - $500
- Tennessee Farm Bureau Health Plans Nursing Scholarship - $1250
- Troy & Susie Johnson Memorial Scholarship - $500
- UTK Collegiate 4-H Scholarship - $250.00
- W.B. & Imogene Kyker Agricultural Scholarship - $250

If you have questions, please contact Carmen Burgos at cburgos@utk.edu.
Grant funds have been awarded to 8 counties for starting or strengthening 4-H Shooting Sports programs. Those counties chosen by the selection committee to receive funds are Bedford, Hamilton, Hardin, Overton, Rhea, Warren, Weakley, and Williamson counties.

The grant monies will be used for the purchase of supplies, recognition for participants and/or training for leaders. Those receiving grants are encouraged to pursue matching funds from community resources to strengthen the potential for future funding.

The Tennessee Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation is the donor for these grants funds. Counties should thank their local chapters for their sponsorship.

Congratulations to those awarded grant funds. Thanks to all who applied.
Recognize Local Donors with Proud Partner Window Clings

Ryan Hensley, Executive Director, TN 4-H Foundation

The 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce the return of the proud partner window clings. Each county will receive 50 clings to give local businesses and organizations who give $100 or more annually. This is an excellent opportunity to recognize local businesses and organizations that support your county programs as well as promote the 4-H brand. (Note: Farm Credit Mid-America and Tennessee Farmer’s Cooperative member location will be receiving clings through their corporate offices)

The clings are 4 inches wide by 2 inches tall and predominantly display a 4-H Clover and the words Proud Partner 2018 -2019. The clings are designed to be displayed on the inside of a glass door or window facing outward.

Proud partner clings will be given to regional offices for distribution in the near future. There is a very limited number of extra clings available. Once you have used the original 50 clings, more can be requested by emailing 4hfoundation@utk.edu.
B.E.S.T. Training Dates for Leg 2 are Set for 2018
Registration Links Will Be Open on December 1
Lori Gallimore, Extension Specialist

Dates of have been set for the 2018 B.E.S.T. trainings for Leg 2 – the presentation leg. Registration can be accessed through K@TE – kate.tennessee.edu on December 1. Be sure to type in “Building Exceptionally Skilled Teachers”, instead of B.E.S.T., when searching for the registration.

NOTE: A maximum of 12 participants will be taken in each regional location. You must have completed ALL SEVEN MODULES in Leg One in order to register and participate in Leg Two. There are no exceptions to this rule!

• Western Region – Henderson County Extension Office
  • February 6 (1:30 until 4:30 p.m. central time);
  • February 7 (9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. central time); and
  • Day Three will be via Zoom with date set by participants

• Central Region -- Rutherford County Extension Office (Room B)
  • January 23 (1:30 until 4:30 p.m. central time);
  • January 24 (9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. central time); and
  • Day Three will be via Zoom with date set by participants

• Eastern Region -- Eastern Region Extension Office
  • January 25 (1:30 until 4:30 p.m. eastern time);
  • January 26 (9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. eastern time); and
  • Day Three will be via Zoom with date set by participants
Day One (half day):
Students deliver a prepared presentation for evaluation with the following learning outcomes.
(1) Evaluation by instructor, peers and self
(2) Identify personal deficiencies in public speaking and teaching skills

Day Two (full day):
Participants are exposed to various techniques that will improve public speaking and teaching skills with the following learning outcomes:
(1) Gain knowledge necessary to improve public speaking skills
(2) Learn how to organize a presentation
(3) Address various methods of presenting (including online and face-to-face)
(4) Understand the importance of audience involvement

Day Three (half day):
Participants will redesign and then redeliver their previous presentation via Zoom given on “day one” based on their evaluations and knowledge gained from “day two” of the training. The objective is to document student improvement with the following learning outcomes:
(1) Develop confidence and effectiveness in public speaking and teaching
(2) Improve the quality of life/well-being of families of participants that attend UT/TSU Extension presentations

Please remember that ALL three Legs of B.E.S.T. are now housed in K@TE. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Gallimore at lbelew@utk.edu or 865-974-7239.
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