

Johnson County

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Hello Potential Science Matters Candidates and Families,

Are you interested in working with a dedicated team, exploring, learning and educating the community about food challenges in the community? Are you committed to make difference in the community?

We are looking for 5 teen leaders who will participate on the Science Matters team to help positively impact the health and lives of people, plants and animals in Johnson County. We are building on the successes from the past 2 years of the program and continue the work on food challenges in Johnson County. The program for 2019-2020 will look and feel different. This year, the teams will identify and address a **food issue** in the community and as a culmination activity, compete in the Science of Agriculture Challenge (<https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/science-engineering-and-technology/science-of-agriculture/index.html>).

What will this opportunity mean to participants:

- **December 2019:** Initial team meeting and introductions.
- **January 2020:** Attend the 2020 National Youth Summit on AgriScience on January 9-12 in Washington, D.C., where the team will learn more about the science in agriculture. All expenses for this trip will be paid thanks to scholarships offered through National 4-H Council and Bayer.
- **January-September 2020:** Assess community needs, plan a solution, implement the action plan, and showcase the knowledge and skills gained throughout the process.
- **September 2020:** Preliminary presentation event at Kansas State Fair.
- **November 2020:** State competition at Kansas State University.

Your team won't be alone. There will be trained adult volunteers/staff supporting the team throughout the process. This is an amazing opportunity to meet other teen leaders across the United States, learn about the community, and practice your leadership skills.

Who: Teens age 14 – 18 (do not need to be a current 4-H member)

When: December 2019-November 2020

Cost: **FREE!** This is a grant funded program brought to you by National 4-H Council and Bayer.

Expectations:

1. Your time committed to the project (5-10 hours a month)
2. Dedication to your team members
3. Willingness to research, read, attend meetings, help with planning and actively participate in the program

The trip to the National Youth Summit on Agri-Science from January 9-12, 2020 is a required part of the program. January 8th and 13th may be additional travel days.

If you are interested in taking part in this program please fill out the application at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h and click on "Science Matters." The application process will be open until November 8, 2019. Applicants will be notified of their status between November 15-22, 2019.

If you have any questions please let me know. We are looking forward to another great year for the Science Matters Program.

Thank you,



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