

## APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS DELEGATES

Take your 4-H experience to another level through Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), an eight-day intensive summer citizenship program for youth aged 14-18. Through Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), teens experience Washington D.C. like never before. Using the nation's capital as their classroom, CWF connects young leaders from across the country to gain the skills and experiences to become effective change agents.

The Johnson County Citizenship Washington Focus program will be a 13-month long program. The next trip will be taken June of 2026. The tentative dates are June 20 - June 27, 2026 (Dates are not announced by National 4-H until December 2025). The cost for each participant will range from \$1,500 to \$2,500, with Johnson County 4-H providing partial funding. Delegates will have opportunities to fundraise and explore other financial assistance methods. **Applications will be accepted for the 2026 trip, now through April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 AT 5pm.** Program participants will be announced on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Contact Cyla Gardner at [cyla.gardner@jocogov.org](mailto:cyla.gardner@jocogov.org) or (913) 715 -7021 with questions.

**All delegates and parents are required to attend an informational meeting about the CWF Program on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6pm at the Extension office.**

Johnson County 4-H will take a maximum of 10 delegates. If more than 10 delegates are eligible, those not selected are encouraged to apply for the Kansas 4-H / Oklahoma 4-H trip.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H'er Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First, Middle, Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street/Route and/or Box#) (Town/City) (Zip Code)

Family E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H'er E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age before January 1 (2025): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

### Delegates should:

- ✓ Be responsible and a mature youth, 14-18 by January 1 of 2026.
- ✓ Demonstrate leadership qualities, including self-discipline and sense of group responsibility.
- ✓ Implement and apply citizenship and leadership concepts learned through CWF.
- ✓ Attend meetings, fundraise, and be a part of other events related to the CWF experience.
- ✓ Must be enrolled in Citizenship and Leadership as 4-H projects.
- ✓ **Be present at the CWF Informational Meeting on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6pm at the Extension Office.**

**Citizenship Washington Focus provides opportunities for young people to:**

- ✓ Strengthen communication, leadership, and other citizenship skills on a local, county, state, and national level.
- ✓ Understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders.
- ✓ Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds.
- ✓ Experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of our nation's Capital City, Washington, D.C.

Your application will be reviewed locally. When selections have been made the applicant will be notified. Applicants not selected for the county trip will be encouraged to submit to the State 4-H Office.

Indicate what your specific expectations are for participating in Citizenship Washington Focus.

Write your definition of citizenship:

**Summary of 4-H work:** Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ Years enrolled in leadership as a project \_\_\_\_\_

Years enrolled in citizenship as a project \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been to Washington, D.C.?      Yes      No      If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

List ways you feel you have helped your 4-H group by serving as a leader. Be specific on kinds of help given.

Choose and describe one experience in 4-H that has given you the greatest sense of enjoyment and satisfaction.

List ways you have contributed to the local 4-H program or to the development of your community - assistance to other clubs, county events, county committees. Community service, community resource development, environmental concerns, are a few suggested areas.

Describe one issue or concern of special interest to you as a citizen of your 4-H Club or your community. Indicate how you as an individual or as a member of a group might act on the issue.

List other activities you are involved in related to citizenship and leadership (school, church, etc).

Tell how you plan to use information gained from this trip upon your return home on an individual, club, or county level. Be as specific as you can.

Any other information you feel is important towards your application

By submitting this application, I understand the goal of Citizenship Washington Focus is to learn more about how our government works and experience this firsthand through workshops, meetings, and conferences. I understand there is a financial obligation involved with my commitment, which includes a deposit and reaching set fundraising goals throughout the planning process for the trip. I understand that if I am unable to reach the fundraising goals set forth, I will be responsible for the monetary difference. I understand that I am representing not only myself, but Johnson County 4-H, Kansas 4-H, and the National 4-H Organization. I will present myself in a manner which, represents these entities in a dignified and positive manner.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_