



4-H VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SERIES

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4-H Partners

The 4-H Youth Development Program is a partnership between the local, state, and federal levels of government and local, state, and national private sector partners. Nebraska Extension funding reflects: 49% state funds; 26% grants/contracts/fees; county funds 15% and federal funds 10%.

National Level

- **Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)/United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

The Smith-Lever Act of Congress, 1914, created the Cooperative Extension System to provide for a partnership between the United States Department of Agriculture and the land-grant colleges and universities located in each state. 4-H is part of the Families, 4-H and Nutrition Department of CSREES /USDA.

- **National 4-H Council**

The National 4-H council is a not-for-profit organization that supports the 4-H youth development mission and vision by working to acquire resources for developing and conducting national programs. The National 4-H Center, located just outside of Washington, D.C., is owned and operated by the National 4-H Council. The National 4-H council also operates a supply service of 4-H items for sale. Catalogs are available at the County Extension Office. National 4-H Council has a website: <http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/>

State Level

- **University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension**

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln is the land-grant university in Nebraska where the Extension Division is located. The State 4-H Office is responsible for 4-H programs and leader training, 4-H development, publications, and staff development. The 4-H office is located on UNL's East Campus in Agricultural Hall, Room 114. The phone number is (402) 472-2805. The website is: <http://www.ianr.unl.edu/ianr/4h/>

- **Nebraska 4-H Foundation**

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation is private sector partner of University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension 4-H, dedicated to seeking and managing contributions that will best meet the needs and advance the interests of Nebraska 4-H Club work and maintain 4-H camps and centers for instructive and recreational purposes.

Local Level

- **The County Commissioners (or County Board of Supervisors)**

The County Commissioners or County Board of Supervisors has fiscal responsibility for funding Extension in the county. They provide building facilities, extension assistant and support staff salaries and fringe benefits, and an operating budget for the office. The County Commissioners/County Board of Supervisors appoints an Extension Board that oversees the Extension Program.

- **Extension Board**

The Extension Board oversees the Extension Program. The board is appointed by the County Commissioners/County Board of Supervisors.

- **4-H Council**

The County 4-H Council is an elected group of adults and teens that is responsible for helping to develop, implement, and evaluate the 4-H Youth Development program in the county. The 4-H Council determines local 4-H policies and provides funding for local leader and youth scholarships for training, camps and other development opportunities.

- **County Fair Board (or Agricultural Society)**

The County Fair Board or Agricultural Society is appointed by the County commissioners or is elected. Its focus is to plan and operate the County Fair. 4-H and Extension have representatives who regularly attend Fair Board meetings. Extension is only responsible for the 4-H portion of the County Fair.