

**The Situation:**

We have just been informed that Citizenship Washington Focus will be moved to a virtual platform in 2021 and not be held face-to-face at the National 4-H Center. While this is disappointing, the health and safety of our youth is of the highest priority. And, this gives us time to properly plan. We don't have any additional details as to how this new platform will look; however, we do want to help families and counties make decisions about options and possibilities.

While some have already decided they would be waiting till 2022, others may not have that flexibility. Do know the funds being held in the Nebraska 4-H Foundation are secure and we will work through any details you have already made with National 4-H Headquarters.

**The Plan:**

Given this situation, here are details that can help us make more informed decisions as we move forward. These procedures will be effective March 2020 through January 31, 2024 (at which time we will reassess):

- CWF participants who choose to cancel their registration will not forgo their down payments and have the option to have the dollars raised and any payments made on their own behalf (not that of the entire CWF group unless it can be attributed directly to individual participants) be refunded directly to them:
  - For use in their 4-H projects
  - As a college scholarship
  - To help defray other college costs (housing, books, etc.)
  - Each 4-H'er will need to let their Extension staff know of their plan in writing prior to the check being distributed.
- Contributions earmarked for CWF that are not specific to a certain 4-H'er (Examples include business donations, foundation donations, group sponsorships, etc.) will be allocated in one of three ways based on the donor's desires:
  - Transferred to the local 4-H Council and used to support other 4-H programming.
  - Left in the Nebraska 4-H Foundation to be used for future CWF support.
  - Returned to the donor.

**Next Steps:**

In the next 60 days, CWF groups will be convening to talk about options and the next steps.