

EXTENSION YOUTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR

An extension youth program coordinator works as an academic staff member of a county extension office, typically overseeing county 4-H chapters and programs as well as youth development programs.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Organize community resources in support of the development of area youth, particularly 4-H members
- Oversee and assist county or regional 4-H chapters
- Coordinate and facilitate extension and outreach programs involving K-12 students including workshops, after school activities, youth mentoring, special interest programs, summer camps, day camps, and other activities consisting of a variety of topics and themes
- Ensure assessment of activities and that programming is meeting desired needs of participants and stakeholders
- Prepare and submit county 4-H development program plan, annual report, and other reports required
- Promote 4-H and youth development programs to a variety of groups and area families to encourage and boost membership
- Create and distribute marketing and communications materials to make youth and adults aware of upcoming events and initiatives
- Provide leadership for county, district, and state learning activities including livestock shows, judging contests, public speaking, educational presentations, Share-the-Fun, etc.
- Contact and schedule judges for 4-H competitions
- Serve on county fair board to aid in decision-making and assist in organizing 4-H related activities
- Serve on and attend 4-H committee and council meetings
- Regularly attend area 4-H club meetings to provide guidance and perform special activities or workshops
- Recruit, guide, and supervise volunteers
- Build relationships with 4-H leaders, farmers, community members, stakeholders, relevant businesses, and any other potential area supporters and decision-makers
- Adequately budget and manage finances related to activities



WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

A variety of Bachelor's degrees may qualify, but recommended are agricultural education, education, agriculture, ag communications, or agribusiness

THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, home economics, health, physical education, art, English, computer courses, a focus on the sciences, and mathematics

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

County and state extension offices

FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- American Association for Agriculture Education
- National Association of Extension 4-H Agents

AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$45,000