Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council (TLC)
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WHY THE NEW GROUP FORMED
• There was confusion with county 4-H professionals and in turn older youth on the difference between the TAC and Ambassadors.
• There was confusion among the older youth who were members of the groups as to what their role is.
• Both groups were doing similar programs.
• The majority of the funds used to support these programs are earmarked for “teen” programs.
• Most states have one statewide council/board.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COUNCIL
• Have a definitive leadership role for youth who engage and participate at the state level.
• Offer multiple levels of responsibility, so youth may select their level of involvement.
• Provide a structure to assist youth develop throughout their tenure as an older 4-H youth member.
• Create a unified program for the teens to be involved at the state level, and in turn has comradery among all older youth in Ohio 4-H.

CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS
• Reaches Out Curriculum
• Committees planning various activities and events
• State Event Assistance (skillathlons, still project judging, achievement award banquet, etc.)
• Race Event Planning
• O4HC Luncheon planning
• State Fair 4-H Educational Display
• Foundation Board Youth Representatives
• Delegates to National 4-H Conference
• Assist in county events and workshops

INTRODUCTION
The Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council (TLC) is a statewide group of 4-H teens and young 4-H alumni that provides a youth stakeholder perspective in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of Ohio 4-H programming. In this process, council members develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations needed for future success. Council members share advice and recommendations to 4-H professionals in order to improve, strengthen, and expand the Ohio 4-H program. Members also make recommendations regarding opportunities for Ohio 4-H teen programming. They serve as a sounding board for Ohio 4-H program direction.

WHAT
There was a merge between the Ambassador program and the Teen Advisory Council (TAC) groups. Beginning September 1, 2016 this group is known as the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council (TLC).

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS
• Must be 14-18 as of January 1 the year of application to apply for white, green, silver, and gold levels. Platinum level must be 18-20 years old (as of January 1) when they apply.
• Must be an Ohio 4-H member. (or alumni if applying for platinum).
• Youth apply annually and serve a one year term. Individuals may re-apply for multiple years.

APPLICATION INFORMATION
• May/June: Gold, Silver, and Platinum level applications due, in-person candidate interviews
• August (Friday following the Ohio State Fair): white and green applications due
• August (mid-late): Phone interviews for white and green candidates
• Late August: Applicants notified of selection
• September 1-August 31: Term for selected level
• Individuals have an opportunity to apply for their preferred level of involvement and responsibility. A selection committee determines the final decision regarding what the responsibility is for each applicant, if selected to the council.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
• Applications are due the Friday following the Ohio State Fair for first year applicants.
• Applications and additional information are available online (go.osu.edu/TLC).

COUNCIL LEVELS OF RESPONSIBILITY
The following lists the various levels the council offers and the respective responsibility of each level.

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SERVICE ACTIVITIES
• Serve at Ronald McDonald House
• Donate items to Lighthouse Shelter
• Ohio 4-H Care for Kids-donations to Children’s Hospital
• Military Donations
• Foster Care Donations
• Hurricane Relief Donations

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