

### MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

# Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

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# **TARGET AUDIENCE:**

Any 4-H participant, age 15-19 by January 1, 2022, can apply for a council position. They must be currently enrolled in a 4-H program, in good standing in their local 4-H club or unit, and have completed at least the previous year of 4-H work. Youth are selected for the council by application and interview with a committee. SYLC member terms are two years, running January 1, 2022– December 31, 2023.

## **PROGRAM SUMMARY:**

Considered the highest leadership opportunity in Michigan 4-H, SYLC members serve as representatives of the Michigan 4-H program, promoting 4-H through state and local activities, and provide youth voice and perspective to inform statewide programs and goals.

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#### When and where do SYLC members meet?

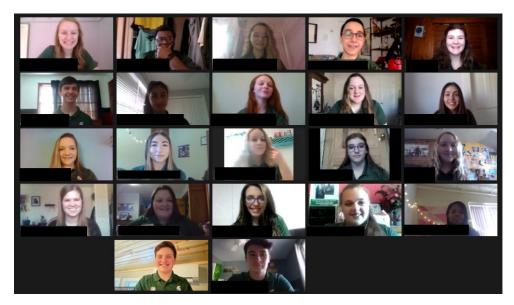
The council meets monthly as a full group and monthly in regional groups using Zoom online video conferencing. If possible, SYLC will hold two in-person meetings annually in conjunction with other state 4-H events: 4-H Youth Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular and 4-H Exploration Days.

#### Why would youth be interested in SYLC?

SYLC is Michigan's highest youth leadership opportunity and is a goal that older youth can aspire toward. SYLC members receive training and experience in public speaking, advocacy, communication, and leadership skills. Members are invited to represent Michigan 4-H at events across the state. In addition, SYLC members form friendships and a professional network with other 4-H members from across Michigan, and have fun!

"Being a SYLC member is a fun way to meet other 4-Hers who care about making a difference. I have learned a lot about communicating virtually and staying active in 4-H through the pandemic. Being a SYLC member has made me a more knowledgeable and creative leader."





"SYLC has given me an opportunity to further hone my leadership skills in ways that are only possible when surrounded by peers with similar passions."

#### - Addy Battel, 2018-19 SYLC member

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