

Dear Potential Volunteer,

We are pleased to provide you with an application to be a volunteer with Michigan State University Extension. Michigan 4-H is the largest youth-development organization in the state, with more than 200,000 young people who participate in countless ways. The volunteers who serve on our boards, councils and committees – and support young people ages 5 to 19 years – are carefully screened to ensure the safety of all of our participants. MSU Extension has adopted high standards for screening and selecting the volunteers who represent MSU Extension 4-H. 4-H volunteers are valued members of MSU Extension programs across the state, and they contribute their skills, talents, time and experience to strengthen and support its mission.

The Volunteer Selection Process includes an application, national and state background checks, references, an interview and online modules. There is no charge to you as a volunteer for these background checks or the process.

Please take a moment to complete the attached application and email it back to 4hvolunteers@anr.msu.edu. We recommend that you let your references know that we will be contacting them about your application to be a volunteer with our program.

Next complete your national background check by visiting <https://business2.backgroundchecks.com/invitation/welcome/ZR32>. This secure link will allow you to complete your background check at no charge to you.

When you have completed these two steps, you will have started your journey to becoming a Michigan 4-H volunteer. The Calhoun County 4-H Program Coordinator will contact you to set up an interview to discuss your potential involvement as a 4-H volunteer.

You may also begin viewing the volunteer e-modules. You will find them at <http://4hvolunteerelearning.wsu.edu/volunteertraining/course.html>. The password, VOLUNTEER, is not case sensitive. There are 4 modules, each of which takes approximately 20 minutes to view and complete. You must complete all 4 of the modules prior to being approved as a volunteer. As you complete each module, remember to print out the certificate (or take a screenshot of it), so you can take them with you to your interview, as proof of module completion. Also, be sure to hit “submit,” after you complete each module.

Thank you for your interest in being a Michigan State University 4-H Youth Development Program volunteer.

Sincerely,

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