

District 11 4-H Council Officer Election Procedures

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The election of District 11 4-H Council officers will be broken down by the following categories & points:

Speech	10
Popular Vote:	45
Interview:	<u>45</u>

100 maximum score

Speech

The speech will be worth a total of 10 points. Candidates have a maximum of 3 minutes to deliver the speech. It will be evaluated by an anonymous individual(s), based on composition/organization and delivery.

Popular Vote

The popular vote will be worth 45 points. Candidates may participate in the popular vote if they are a designated voting delegate.

Interview

The candidate interview will be worth 45 points. Interviews will be conducted by a panel of judges (consisting of no less than 2 individuals) and will be based on the following categories:

- Project experiences (10 points)
- Leadership (10 points)
- Community service (10 points)
- Other activities (5 points)
- 4-H knowledge / (10 points-2 questions) Candidates for a district council office will be asked questions that will assess their knowledge of
 - 1) 4-H Management Guide System: Membership Units
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/adults/mgtguide/membershipunits.html>
 - 2) History of 4-H in Texas <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/about/history.html>

Prior to the elections, candidates must complete a Coastal Bend District 11 4-H Council Officer Candidate Registration Form, listing activities for each of these areas. The interview panel will refer to this information during the interview.

The district office will compile a folder for each candidate with their registration form & three copies of the score sheet for the interview panel.

Procedure of Elections

At leadership lab (or other designated event) the district officer candidates will present a 3-minute (maximum time limit) speech to all voting delegates. The candidates will then be interviewed by a panel of judges. The average of the scores from the judges will constitute the points given for the interview portion of the election process.

The popular vote will be taken, one office/position at a time, in the following order (round): Chairman, 1st Vice-Chairman, 2nd Vice-Chairman*, 3rd Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Chair, and Parliamentarian. The number of votes received during the popular vote will be recorded for each candidate. This number will be added to the pre-determined interview and speech scores. The candidate with the highest number of points in the first round of the popular vote will be announced as Chairman.

The popular vote for the second round, 1st Vice-Chairman, will be conducted next. The number of votes received during the popular vote will be recorded for each remaining candidate. This number will be added to the pre-determined interview and speech scores. The candidate with the highest number of points in the second round of the popular vote will be announced as 1st Vice-Chairman.

This procedure will be completed until all offices have been filled.*

*If the Chairman and 1st Vice Chairman are not a minority, then the only candidates eligible to run for 2nd Vice-Chairman are minority candidates eligible to serve on state council (*must reach their 16th birthday, but not their 19th birthday, on or before **August 31st** of the calendar year in which they are installed on the Texas 4-H Council*). If no minorities are eligible to run for 2nd Vice Chairman, then all officer candidates can run for the position but are not eligible to serve on Texas 4-H Council. If a minority has been elected to the Chairman or 1st Vice Chairman position, then any officer candidate meeting the Texas 4-H Council age requirements is eligible to run for 2nd Vice Chairman and will serve as a district representative to Texas 4-H Council. This election procedure is in place to ensure that District 11 has maximum representation on Texas 4-H Council.