

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:

Popular Vote	20
Speech	35
Interview	<u>45</u>
	100 maximum score

Candidates running for re-election will be eligible for an additional 5 points awarded by Council Advisors and outgoing officers not seeking reelection. The award value will be determined by a consensus decision based on previous years' performance.

Officer Application

Candidates must complete a Coastal Bend District 11 4-H Council Officer Candidate Registration Form by the announced deadline, listing activities, leadership, and community service. The interview panel will refer to this information during the interview.

Popular Vote

The popular vote will be worth 20 points. Candidates may participate in the popular vote if they are a designated voting delegate.

Speech

The speech will be worth a total of 35 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.

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://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/leadership-lab/>

2) History of 4-H in Texas

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/about/history/index.php>

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 average of the judges scores will constitute the points given for the speech portion of the election process. 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 application, 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 application, 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 a minority has been elected to any office position and meets the Texas 4-H Council age requirements, they 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.