

2015 4-H Shooting Sports Texas Team Application

Online Applications due by **Thursday, November 13, 2014** on 4-H Connect (<http://texas.4honline.com>)

Visit <http://4h.unl.edu/ntlshootingssportsinvitational> for the most current National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational information, event specific rules, and to learn more about the event.

Basic requirements for application (all must be met):

- Must be a minimum of 14 years of age before January 1 of the year of the National Invitational, (according to National 4-H Invitational Rules),
- Must not have reached 19 years of age before January 1 of the year of the National Invitational (according to National 4-H Invitational Rules),
- Must be an actively enrolled member of Texas 4-H via 4-H Connect for the current 2014-2015 4-H year at time of application,
- Must be an active member of a county-level Texas 4-H Shooting Sports project and be coached by a certified 4-H coach in each discipline (archery, muzzleloading, pistol, rifle, shotgun, hunting & wildlife) in which application is made,
- Must have proficiency with the basic firearm type used in the team(s) of choice and have participated in competitions using that firearm type,
- Proficiency in a firearm type is documented by providing information on participation in the project and in competitions within the past three years (2012-2014),
- Applicants may participate in only one National Invitational team/discipline per year,
- Applicants may be selected for only one National Invitational team/discipline per year even as an alternate,
- Applicants may attend the National Invitational multiple years, but may not repeat a discipline,
- Selection requires you to participate in the mandatory Texas Team Rendezvous on February 7-8, 2015 at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood, an event designed to gather team members and coaches to begin developing as a discipline teams and as the Texas Team.

Expectations of Texas Team members following selection:

- You will be part of the entire 36 member Texas Team competing during the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational on June 21-26, 2015 in Grand Island, Nebraska.
- Your name and photo will be posted on the Texas 4-H Website on the 4-H Shooting Sports webpage along with all other members and coaches of the Texas Team comprised of each of the shooting disciplines.
- You will be a representative of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Project. You will be in essence a national ambassador for us all.
- You will be expected to conduct yourself in a manner that would honor your Texas 4-H roots and present you as a positive and friendly representative of your generation and home state.
- You will be expected to work as part of the team and put all effort into meeting together as often as possible when asked so that the team develops cohesiveness and a skill level.

- You will be expected to respond to communication from your assigned Texas Team Coach in a timely manner and demonstrate the respect this volunteer deserves for their willingness to spend time and resources to mentor you. Please understand that this coach may or may not conduct their training as your local coach may. Respect this difference and work on your abilities to enhance the team's progress. Keep in mind that this coach is as much a part of the team as you.
- You will be expected to work with your discipline team in any fund raising efforts to offset travel expenses during the National Invitational.
- You will be expected to participate in the mandatory Texas Team Rendezvous, an event where you will meet your team mates and coach and begin developing as a team.
- You will be expected to prepare yourself and your family for the expenses incurred in participating as a Texas Team member; travel to team practices and the National Invitational, lodging and meal expenses while traveling, equipment and ammunition expenses while preparing for and participating in the National Invitational, etc. Individual family and club fundraising is acceptable and encouraged.

Application Instructions

If you meet the Basic Requirements as listed above and agree to Expectations as listed above, follow the instructions below to apply for the 2015 Texas Team.

Team Member Applications will be completed online via [4-H Connect](#).

- Login to your 4-H Connect profile
- At the bottom of your profile, in the "Register A Member In An Event" dropdown menus, select your name from the "Member" list, then "2014-2015 4-H Shooting Sports Texas Team Application" from the "Event" list.
- Click "Register" to open the official application or choose the "Worksheet" option to be able to preview the application to prepare your responses before entering them onto the official application.
- Read the information on the application carefully.

Applicants will be required to provide names and email addresses for three character references. Reference forms will be emailed by the Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program office to the persons listed as references on the application. Please check and double check that you have the current correct email addresses for your references and that the email addresses are typed in correctly on the application.

Application Rules:

1. Applications should be personally completed by the applicant and responses to questions should be the sole work of the applicant.
2. This is not a test of either written or verbal skills, however, grammar and spelling are important to how you represent yourself and your ability to represent your team.
3. Leaving any part of the application blank will result in a score of zero for that section during selection.
4. References are the responsibility of the applicant. All references should be contacted in advance by the applicant to ensure their willingness to complete the reference form. All reference contact information should be verified for correctness and entered correctly on the application. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure their references receive an email from the Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program office and to correct any reference email address that is suspected as incorrect. This must be accomplished by the application deadline.
5. References must be over the age of 21 and must not be a relative of the applicant.

Applicants will have the option to list a parent who is certified as a 4-H Shooting Sports Coach and willing to serve as coach of a Texas Team. This information is **not required** and **will not** be considered during the team selection process. This information is for office use only and **does not** obligate parents to coach a Texas Team. Applicants should secure the permission of their parent before listing them as a potential coach.

Selection Process:

A team of Extension professionals and volunteers will be gathered to review all applications by team/discipline choices. These will be ranked using the rubric displayed within this document. The top four ranking applications per team/discipline will be notified of their team placement following the selection date. A fifth application per team/discipline (if application numbers allow) will be chosen and notified to be named the team/discipline alternate. This alternate team member will fill a position if a team member is unable to attend the National Invitational for some reason. No guarantee is given to any applicant that their 1st choice of team/discipline will be granted. 2nd and 3rd choices will be used to fill teams/disciplines when necessary. The expected timeframe for applicant notification of selection results is December 2014.

Selection Rubric:

See the Selection Rubric at the end of this document.

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						Totals
How many years have you been a Texas 4-H member?	9-10+ years= 10 points	7-8 years= 8 points	5-6 years= 6 points	3-4 years= 4 points	0-2 years= 2 points	
How many years have you been in the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Project?	9-10+ years= 10 points	7-8 years= 8 points	5-6 years= 6 points	3-4 years= 4 points	0-2 years= 2 points	
Number of disciplines in which you have been coached by a certified 4-H coach as a part of an Official 4-H Shooting Sports Project.	5+ disciplines= 5 points	4 disciplines= 4 points	3 disciplines= 3 points	2 disciplines=2 points	1 discipline=1 point	
Number of disciplines in which you have participated in a competitive event of any type through 4-H Shooting Sports.	5+ disciplines= 10 points	4 disciplines= 8 points	3 disciplines= 6 points	2 disciplines=4 points	1 discipline=2 points	
Number of events in which you have participated in the 4-H Shooting Sports National Invitational.	Write in value: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">Informational only</div>					
Number of competitive events participated in for this discipline choice.	15+ events= 10 points	10-14 events= 8 points	5-9 events= 6 points	3-4 events= 4 points	1-2 events=2 points	
Number of other organizations outside of 4-H in which you have participated in competitive shooting events.	5+ organizations= 10 points	4 organizations=8 points	3 organizations=6 points	2 organizations= 4 points	1 organization= 2 points	
Number of 4-H Shooting Sports project activities in which you have participated that do not include shooting.	10+= 20 points	8-9= 15 points	6-7= 10 points	4-5= 5 points	1-3= 2	
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Number of volunteer events participated in for 4-H Shooting Sports.	10+= 20 points	8-9= 15 points	6-7= 10 points	4-5= 5 points	1-3= 2 points	
Number of 4-H Projects you have been involved in other than Shooting Sports?	10+ projects= 10 points	8-9 projects=8 points	6-7 projects=6 points	4-5 projects= 4 points	1-3 project= 2 points	
Number of leadership positons held times the number of years they were held.	10+= 20 points	8-9= 15 points	6-7= 10 points	4-5= 5 points	1-3= 2 points	
Number of activities/organizations outside of 4-H	5+ organizations= 10 points	4 organizations=8 points	3 organizations=6 points	2 organizations= 4 points	1 organization= 2 points	
Number of leadership positions held outside of 4-H.	10+= 20 points	8-9= 15 points	6-7= 10 points	4-5= 5 points	1-3= 2 points	
Level of response to the question: What opportunities do you think 4-H Shooting Sports provides in promoting positive youth development?	Superior 30-25 points	Excellent 20-24 points	Good 15-19 points	Average 11-14 points	Poor 0-10 points	
Level of response to the question: What has 4-H Shooting Sports done for your personal development?	Superior 30-25 points	Excellent 20-24 points	Good 15-19 points	Average 11-14 points	Poor 0-10 points	
Level of response to the question: Briefly explain why you want to represent Texas at the 2015 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational and why you should be selected to do so.	Superior 30-25 points	Excellent 20-24 points	Good 15-19 points	Average 11-14 points	Poor 0-10 points	
Level of response to the question: What do you believe is your role as a representative of the state of Texas, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program, and Texas 4-H Shooting Sports if you were selected as a member of the 2015 Texas Team?	Superior 30-25 points	Excellent 20-24 points	Good 15-19 points	Average 11-14 points	Poor 0-10 points	
Extension Employee Reference	10 Points if received or 0 points if not received					
Coach Reference	10 Points if received or 0 points if not received					
Other Reference	10 Points if received or 0 points if not received					
					Grand Total	