

TO: 4-H Volunteer Candidate

FROM: Lesley Lodmell, 4-H Youth Development Educator

RE: Becoming a 4-H Volunteer

Thank you for your interest in being a 4-H Volunteer! We are so glad for your interest and are excited to have you join our youth development program. Before you are able to start working with our youth, you must first go through the following steps.

To assure the safety of the youth members there are a series of security points we will work through with you to complete the process:

- Application and Three Personal References
- Sheriff Background Check
- State & National Sex Offender Registry

It is my hope to provide training to support you as a volunteer and to prepare you for serving in this role. Once all the above items are completed and approved I will schedule a meeting with you. During this face-to-face meeting we will go over the following topics:

- 4-H Mission and Purpose
- Assuring Safe Environments for Youth
- Engaging Youth in 4-H Activities - include everyone
- Elements of a Good 4-H Meeting, Workshop, Show, or Council Meeting
- Age Appropriate Activities
- Adult Behavior Expectations - complete form together

Once this process is completed, and you have created your profile in <https://in.4honline.com> along with the Youth Safety and Child Abuse Training, you will be an approved volunteer and can work with the Educator to decide your role when mentoring our youth. Again thank you for your interest in working to strengthen the Lawrence County 4-H Program. I look forward to meeting and working with you!

For more details about our Volunteer Approval Process, you can visit our website at [bit.ly/4HVolunteer](http://bit.ly/4HVolunteer)