



Socorro County 4-H Council Member Guidelines

A 4-H County Council Member is a self-motivated, enthusiastic leader who promotes 4-H using skill, knowledge and leadership abilities acquired in 4-H with 4-H members, area residents, community leaders, elected officials and other youth. A 4-H Council Member serves as a role model and mentor to younger 4-H members through interactions at activities/events and sets an example. A 4-H Council Member serves to strengthen the 4-H program through public relations.

GOALS:

1. To define the 4-H image in the minds of the general public by exposing the general public to the contemporary 4-H program.
2. To offer eligible 4-H members an opportunity to develop skills in leadership, promotion, communication and responsibility.
3. To provide a core of trained and motivated youth to assist with the county information programs.
4. To promote the 4-H program to 4-H members, leaders, interest groups, donor or support groups and the general public.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be a bonafide 4-H member (8 & in the 3rd grade, 9-19) by January 1 of the current year and in good standing.
2. Members applying for County Council President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Reporter must be a Junior or Senior age member at the time of elections. Members applying for Song and Recreation Leader may be Novice, Junior, or Senior age members at the time of elections. In the event that not enough junior or senior applications are received, open positions will be filled with novice applicants.
3. Must have turned in a county record book the year prior to applying unless you were a cloverbud.
4. Must complete and return the application form by November 20, 2026. Applicants must attend and give a campaign speech at the election meeting/Socorro 4-H County Council meeting on December 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.
5. Must remain active in club and county 4-H program.
6. Must attend County 4-H Council meetings, activities and events.
7. Installment of council officers will take place at Awards Night and will serve a one-year term until the following Awards Night.

8. Applicant must be present at Awards Night.

GUIDELINES:

1. Up to seven officers will be selected each year. Officers will serve a one-year term. Officers may choose to reapply for multiple terms, must fill out re-application and go through election. (All offices may not be filled if there are not enough qualified applicants.)
2. An application and election process will be used for selection of the officers.
3. Officers must be willing to serve a one (1) year term beginning their official duties following the close of installation of officers at Awards Night and shall serve a 1 year term from installation to installation.
4. Activities of the County Council will be under the leadership and guidance of the agents and/or an adult advisor(s).

OPPORTUNITIES:

1. To gain leadership skills by assisting with and/or planning activities for the entire County 4-H program.
2. To speak before a variety of community groups such as 4-H clubs, civic organizations, Extension Homemaker clubs, church groups, business and professional clubs, other youth organizations, etc.
3. To share your expertise in at least one 4-H project area and give demonstrations in that project area to the public.
4. Take responsibility for community events and displays such as mall promotions and displays.
5. Be prepared to make occasional appearances on radio and the local newspapers promoting 4-H.
6. Keep records of all assignments including dates, locations, type of assignment, planning and participation time and a description of the event.
7. To take an active role in planning and implementing a county-wide activity.
8. To serve as a role model to younger 4-H members in the county.
9. Present to the Board of Socorro County Commissioners on behalf of Socorro County 4-H.
10. Attend the 4-H Day at the Roundhouse.



Socorro County 4-H Council Officer Application

Instructions: Submit application on or before **Friday, November 20, 2026** to the Socorro County Extension Office. Officers applying for a consecutive term will need to fill out the reapplication form and go through elections.

General Information:

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Email address (if applicable): _____

Cell phone (if applicable): _____

4-H Club: _____ **Years in 4-H:** _____

School: _____ **Grade in school:** _____

Did you submit a county 4-H record book for the past year? _____

Did you participate in a 4-H community service project in the past year? _____

Please include my name on the ballot for the following office(s):

President	Vice President	Secretary
Treasurer	Reporter	Song & Rec.

Questions:

Describe three leadership qualities you possess and how they would help you if elected as a Socorro County 4-H Council member.

If you could change two things about Socorro 4-H, what would they be, and how would you influence that change if elected?

Explain one personal goal you would make if elected as a Socorro County 4-H Council member?

Statement of 4-H Member:

I understand that this position carries certain responsibilities, and I am willing to accept the responsibilities outlined for Council Officer if selected.

I have personally prepared this report and believe it to be true.

Member Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Statement of Parent/Guardian:

I/We understand and approve of the purpose and objective of the Socorro County 4-H County Council and give my/our approval of my/our child to take part in this program for a full year. I/We understand that our support is important for the successful participation of my/our son/daughter in this educational opportunity.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____