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### **July 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

4-H member must be in 9th grade or higher at the time of application. This one-time trip is an exciting experience for 4-H members to go to the nation's capital and learn more about the meaning of citizenship. Listening, learning, sharing, receiving, caring, and touring combine to provide a deeper respect and understanding for our American heritage and the principles, processes, and structures of the U.S. government. The trip will be made by charter bus with a delegation of Indiana 4-H members and youth will stay at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, Maryland.

During the CWF program week, delegates will:

- Strengthen communication, leadership, and civic engagement skills on a national level
- Understand the importance of Youth Voice and the skills necessary to make change in your community, such as civil discourse and media literacy
- Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds
- Experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of our nation's capital city, Washington, DC, as your classroom
- Create a plan and work with your fellow delegates to develop the steps to carry out the plan upon your return home, to make a difference in your community.

#### **Learn More**

Learn more about Citizenship Washington Focus and read testimonials from previous attendees by visiting the website at: <http://www.citizenshipwashingtonfocus.org>.

#### **Registration Cost**

***The cost of registration for the successful applicant(s) will be shared by the 4-Her and the Porter County 4-H Council.*** Registration cost for CWF is \$1600 per delegate. The successful applicant will be asked to pay \$150 out-of-pocket, and the 4-H Council will pay the remainder. (If selected and unable to pay \$150, we will work with you to still allow the trip to be possible – so please apply!)

Through the following application process, at least two Porter County 4-H members will be selected to represent our county at this national 4-H event.

Once selected, the successful applicant(s) must submit their \$150 registration fee to the Extension Office. **Any individual who agrees to attend, and then backs out, will owe the 4-H Council the entire \$1600 registration cost.**

#### **Transportation**

The selected delegates will be responsible for their own transportation to central Indiana (in recent years the departure point has been the Boone County Fairgrounds in Lebanon) where they will join the rest of the Indiana delegation on a charter bus that will transport the group to the greater Washington, DC area.

#### **Application Process**

Current Porter County 4-H members who are high school students are eligible to apply. Previous participants of an *in-person* CWF trip are not eligible to reapply. Please apply by completing the following application and submitting it to the Extension Office no later than Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.



**Porter County 4-H**  
**CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS**  
**Application**

*Application due by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of parent(s) or guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions utilizing the space needed to tell your 4-H story. Written responses should not exceed two typed pages. (Font size no smaller than 10 point, please.)

1. Tell about your 4-H leadership/citizenship/community service experiences; include things that contributed to the welfare of your club or group members, other individuals, or community. (Be specific as to what you did.)
2. Describe two to three of the most important things you learned through 4-H that will or has affected your life.
3. How will you utilize your 4-H experiences and life skills in the future?

**Member/Parent Statement**

By signing this application you attest that the 4-H member has personally prepared this application and that it accurately reflects his/her work. In addition, you understand that if selected to attend, you will be required to pay \$150 of the registration cost. Further, you understand that your family will owe the Porter County 4-H Council up to the full registration amount of \$1600 if your 4-Her is selected, agrees to attend, and then backs out.

Signature of 4-H Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Applications are due by 4:30 pm on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.***

***Completed applications should be returned to:***

Purdue Extension – Porter County, 155 Indiana Ave., Ste. 301, Valparaiso, IN 46383

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