**Requirements for Applicants:**

* Youth must be 4-H members in good standing.
* Youth must be 4-H age 14 to 18 and plan on being in 4-H during the full 2016-2017 year.
* Youth must submit a complete application by the deadline.
* Youth must attend the November 14, 2016 Leadership Society Meeting where you will be asked to give a short impromptu speech as well as answer several interview questions.
* Youth must be prepared to meet all of the obligations of their office as outlined in the Leadership Society Officer Contract.

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***Birth Date:*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***Grade in School:*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Years in 4-H***: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***Club:*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Current 4-H Projects: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

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***4-H Offices Held:*** (Indicate Club, County, District, State) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***Non 4-H Positions of Responsibility:*** (Student Council, FFA, FBLA, music groups, etc.):\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***In your opinion, what is your top 4-H accomplishment?*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**For each position in the table below, check the boxes to indicate if you really want the position, sort of want it or do not want it:**

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| **Position** | **This is a position I really want** | **This is a position I sort of want** | **This is a position I do not want** |
| President | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ |
| Vice President | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ |
| Secretary | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ |
| Treasurer | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ |
| Communications Manager | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ |
| Senators/Alternate Senators | ❒ | ❒ | ❒ |

**On a separate page, please answer the following questions. Type your response and use no more than one double spaced page to answer each question. Keeping each answer to a half page or less is ideal.**

1. How can you be certain you have the time and ability to fulfill the requirements of the offices you are applying for?
2. What office do you want the most and why?

**You will be asked to give a three to five minute speech on an impromptu speech topic the night of elections.** After you give your speech, be prepared to answer a few questions about why you are running for office and why you would make a good candidate.

**Being a Leadership Society Officer will take a lot of time and dedication.** We need to know for sure that you understand how much effort fulfilling the duties of your position will take. **You and your parent/guardian must sign the following document.** You are committing to follow through with the responsibilities listed if you are elected. Please review the document carefully before you sign it.

**Leadership Society Officer Contract**

I understand that as a Pueblo County 4-H Leadership Society Officer I am representing the 4-H program at all times. Therefore, I will uphold the 4-H Code of Conduct whether at 4-H or non-4-H meetings, activities or events.

I understand that in addition to the five to six meetings each year, and the four or five Leadership Society activities each year, I will be required to attend three to four Leadership Society Officer Team (Executive Council) meetings. I understand that unexcused absences from Officer Team meetings and Leadership Society Meetings may result in dismissal from office. As an officer, I know that I am expected to promote participation in all Pueblo County 4-H events and activities, and to attend Leadership Society events. I understand the duties of the offices listed below and if elected, agree to fulfill the duties of that office. If elected, I agree to abide by this contract in fulfilling my duties as an officer during the 2016-2017 term.

**President** – Prepare meeting agendas, conduct officer team meetings and Leadership Society meetings.

**Vice President** – Assist the president, perform the duties of the president in their absence, and serve as an ex officio member of each committee.

**Secretary** – Keep and present a full and correct record of the minutes at each meeting. Keep attendance at each meeting. Perform the duties of the vice president in their absence.

**Treasurer** – Help prepare a budget. Receive, hold and pay out all monies of the society. Keep an accurate record of the society finances and present a report at each meeting. Perform the duties of the secretary in their absence.

**Communications Manager** – Report activities of the society to local news media. Manage society social media. Perform the duties of the treasurer in their absence.

**Senators/Alternate Senators** – Two senators and two alternate senators are elected each year. They attend Leadership Development Conference (near the end of January in Denver), South Central District Retreat (mid-March near Mt Princeton) and Colorado State 4-H Campus (mid-June in Fort Collins) and serve as a voting representative of Pueblo County. Senators represent the feelings and needs of Pueblo County 4-H. The cost of attending all three events is typically over $600, however, financial assistance is often available through the Pueblo County 4-H Foundation.

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**Member’s Signature Date**

We have read the above officer expectations and agree to support our child and help him/her to fulfill these responsibilities. We will do our part to support full participation.

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**Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date**