State 4-H Congress Funding Opportunities



The fees for 2017 are: Full Registration Fee = \$220 One Day Registration Fee = \$45



<u>Unit Scholarships</u> Each unit receives: -One First time delegate scholarship of \$110 = \$110 registration fee

-One First time adult volunteer scholarship of \$220 = \$0 registration fee

District Competition Scholarships

Competition incentives will be awarded as follows: \$50 for those competing in a District or Area Contest, receiving a purple ribbon, and competing at Congress. \$30 for those competing in a District or Area Contest and competing at Congress.

\$20 for those competing in a unit level contest, receiving a blue ribbon, and competing at Congress.

Each district has up to \$2000, but the money has to be distributed using the above criteria and youth are only eligible to receive one of the above incentive options. Therefore, if a district has more than 40 competitors receiving a purple ribbon, they will need to decide how the funds will be distributed since the max amount each district will receive is \$2000.

Congress Heroes Program

In an effort to ensure that State 4-H Congress is affordable for all teens wishing to attend, the State 4-H Office and the Virginia 4-H Foundation propose the use of the "Congress Heroes" program. Through this program, youth will share information with corporate and private partners to help generate funds to support Virginia 4-H as well as providing an avenue for 4-Hers to have their Congress registration fee sponsored.

4-Hers interested in attending State 4-H Congress are encouraged to ask friends, family, and businesses to become a "Congress Hero". Their tax deductible donation will help provide Virginia teens the opportunity to learn about leadership, citizenship, and life skills through innovative workshops, dynamic speakers, competitive events, service learning, and a college fair. Small donations can make a big difference.

If a 4-Her is successful in securing \$250.00 in Heroes sponsorships, the 4-Her will only have to pay half of the registration fee for State 4-H Congress.

Those who secure \$300.00 or more in Heros sponsorships will not have to pay any registration fee to attend State 4-H Congress.

Prizes will be awarded at Congress for top Congress Hero 4-H earners.

For more information, please contact your local extension office. More information on State 4-H Congress can be found at: http://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/state-congress.html



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