

2009 ALABAMA 4-H CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS
DATE OF TRIP: ONE WEEK, MAY 31 – JUNE 6 (PLUS TRAVEL DAYS)
YOUTH APPLICATION

The application for the 2009 Alabama 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus must be received in its entirety by March 1, 2009.

Mail to: Citizenship Washington Focus
 Attn: Denise Legvold, REA Program Coordinator
 Upper Coastal Plain Substation
 P.O. Box 706
 Winfield, AL 35594

What is Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 14-19. CWF delegates learn about the democratic process and their role as citizens while they experience our nation's capital.

Alabama will be staying at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD.

Cost of CWF

Youth selected for CWF will be responsible for a \$400 co-payment to help cover the total trip cost. The co-payment is due in the State 4-H Office by May 1, 2009 with checks made to the Alabama 4-H Foundation.

2009 Alabama Application Requirements

1. Applicants must be at least 14 years old on January 1, 2009.
2. This opportunity is open to all Alabama youth. Youth attending must complete the Alabama 4-H Code of Conduct and abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct.
3. Applications must be completed fully and received by the deadline or the packets will be disqualified.
 - >Alabama 4-H Application, pages 1 and 2 only, typed
 - >Two reference letters; including one from Extension staff signing application.
 - >On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following: What is your U.S. Congressional District and who are your U.S. Representatives? Who are Alabama's U.S. Senators? "If you had five minutes with your U.S. Congressman, what topic would you discuss, and what points would you convey about that topic?"
4. Submit FOUR copies of the application packet by the deadline.
5. The decisions of the Selection Committee are final. Alternate delegates will be chosen but not announced. In the event that a selected youth cannot attend, the first alternate will be contacted accordingly.

Alabama 4-H Application Guidelines

Complete only page 1 and 2 of the Alabama 4-H Application.

Identification Page with Signatures

Page 1: Be sure that you have all needed information including signatures.

How 4-H Has Made a Difference

Page 2: Be as specific as possible when explaining your 4-H experience in the areas of belonging, independence, generosity and mastery. Show how you have grown in your project area.

For non-4-H members: Complete this page using your leadership and citizenship experience in service to your school, church or the community.

Two Letters of Reference (submit with application)

A good letter of reference is one that supports your achievements, skills and service within the project area. They cannot be from family members. One of the letters must be from the 4-H REA, CEC, CEA, or 4-H Agent Assistant who signed your application.

Additional Information (submit with application)

On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following:

- 1) What is your U.S. Congressional District?
- 2) Who are your U.S. Representatives?
- 3) Who are Alabama's U.S. Senators?
- 4) If you had five minutes with your U.S. Congressman, what topic would you discuss, and what points would you convey about that topic?