



4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute

Michigan 4-H Scholarship Application



4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute 2024

The True Leaders in Equity Institute (TLEI) is a training program for passionate youth ages 14-19 to learn about equity and inclusion and how it affects their communities. This training and leadership opportunity challenges participants to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4-H in their communities.

Youth-adult-led teams explore their unique views on equity and inclusion. As a team, you will develop plans to spark innovative solutions to create more welcoming and inclusive environments in your community.

More information about the Institute is available at <https://events.4-h.org/TLEI/home>

Full scholarships are available to Michigan 4-H members!

Thanks to support from the Michigan 4-H Foundation, three Michigan 4-H youth members and one adult 4-H volunteer will receive full scholarships to attend the 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute!

Those selected will receive a full scholarship for their registration fee (\$1,395 per person) which includes meals and lodging at the Institute, and airfare to travel from Michigan to Maryland as a team! A Michigan 4-H staff member will travel with the Michigan delegation to the Institute and serve as chaperone for the group.

Applications for scholarships are due April 15, 2024. All applicants will be notified as to whether or not they have been selected for the scholarship by April 22.

4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute

July 7-11, 2024

Hyatt Regency - Bethesda, MD

Scholarship applications due:

April 15, 2024

For more information, please contact:

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At the 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute, teams will:

- Gain a deeper understanding of key principles and concepts related to equity and inclusion.
- Identify a particular equity indicator and/or issue to focus on for the next year.
- Develop their skills and competencies in equity leadership and make connections to people, organizations and tools that can be helpful for their projects.
- Create an overall framework for their project for the next year and a specific 90-day action plan to implement when they return home.

Applicants must:

- Be in high school for the 2024/2025 school year
- Have a desire to champion an equity related project within their community or county
- Have an interest in creating welcoming and inclusive environments
- Be passionate about creating experiences of inclusion and belonging for any of the following groups of people:
 - Youth Involved with the Juvenile Justice System, Immigrant and Refugee Youth, LGBTQ+ Youth, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Unstably Housed Youth, Youth in Foster Care, Youth with Disabilities, Youth Living in Poverty, African American Youth, Latinx Youth, Asian American/Pacific Islander Youth, and/or Native American/Alaskan Native/Indigenous Youth

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4-H True Leaders in Equity SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM



DUE APRIL 15, 2024

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicant must be in high school for the 2024/2025 school year.
2. Applicant must have prior experience participating in at least one Michigan 4-H or MSU Extension sponsored program or event.
3. **Application must be typed.**
4. Completed applications must be emailed to **Brian Wibby** (wibby@msu.edu) by 11:59 pm on April 15, 2024

Applicant First Name _____ Last Name: _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

Grade in School for 2024/2025 School Year _____

County of 4-H Participation _____

Parent/Guardian First Name _____

Parent/Guardian Last Name _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____ Parent/Guardian Phone _____

Why is equity – when a person or group receives the unique resources and opportunities needed to reduce or eliminate barriers – important to you? (2,000 characters max)

What contribution can you make, or have you made, for your community to be more inclusive? (2,000 characters max)

What ideas do you have to engage and expand the involvement of any of the following groups of people in the Michigan 4-H program (Please share your interests and ideas for two or more of the groups):

- Youth Involved with the Juvenile Justice System
- Immigrant and Refugee Youth
- LGBTQ+ Youth
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Unstably Housed Youth
- Youth in Foster Care
- Youth with Disabilities
- Youth Living in Poverty
- African American Youth
- Latinx Youth
- Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander Youth,
- Native American/Alaskan Native/Indigenous Youth

(2,000 characters max)

(Optional) If you are part of a group of youth who are applying to represent Michigan at the 2024 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute as a team, or if you have an adult volunteer who is interested in attending the Institute with you, please list your other youth and/or adult team member name(s) here: