

WHAT IS MOTIVATING YOU TO RUN FOR A STATE OFFICER POSITION?



Candidates for President

Vera Howe – Martin

My motivation to run for state office is wanting to reach the youth in need of guidance. My main goal in life is to teach people to always be kind and by running for state council president would help me get the attention of the youth to teach them to always be kind. Nowadays, you can find bullying in every single classroom you go in and coming from personal experiences bullying is one of the hardest mental battles a teen can face. There are many side effects of bullying such as depression, eating disorders, suicidal thoughts, and etc. I'm sure many others would stand and agree with me that kindness needs to be brought into leadership to teach others not only the effects of unfair actions and bullying but also what a great impact just being kind can have. I am determined to teach the youth how great kindness in leadership can get you very far in life just so much as earning someone's respect because you wish no bad upon others. I want to teach our youth not just at county, district or even statewide but country and world wide that good leadership starts and only grows from being kind and open-minded. This past year I got the mind blowing opportunity of being one of these eight state officers. Out of all the outstanding leadership training and skills I was taught, I always found that no matter how good you are at leading a group or planning an event, a kind and caring leader would have more people learn and grow. This will help them in their leadership and become more confident in who they are as a leader. I want Florida 4-H's youth to find their spark and channel the great leader that they have deep down.

Sophia Massey – St. Johns

I am running for President because I want to bring a positive change to Florida 4-H.

Helena Peterson – St. Johns

Like many young 4-Hers, I thought the senior 4-Hers were really cool. They knew all the line dances, competed in every competition, and went to 4-H University and LEG. They came back and told all the younger kids about how cool and fun the state events were. They taught us parliamentary procedure, described all the fun projects they worked on, and showed us the new dances they'd learned. Naturally, this made me want to go to all the state events and join Executive Board as soon as possible. I applied to join executive board and successfully ran for State treasurer as soon as I had the opportunity. Taking on these responsibilities and the challenges that came with them reminded me how much I love and appreciate 4-H. I'm sure I'm not the only one who can say their life has been changed by this organization. 4-H has helped me in more ways than I can count, and I want to make these experiences available to as wide an audience as possible. I want to continue working to expand 4-H's outreach efforts. These efforts include advocating to restore Camp Cherry Lake, ensuring quality training for Executive Board ambassadors and Leadership committee members, and continue to encourage more social media outreach. I want to make sure that future 4-Hers will have the same opportunities to learn and grow as I have.

Lane Taylor – Marion

4-H involvement on the state level is nowhere near where it can be in Florida. Youth and adults involved in 4-H have been attempting to boost numbers for a while, and I am confident that my plan to achieve this will be effective. I also have a passion for 4-H and believe that every Floridian should participate in it before they graduate.