

IT ONLY MAKES CENTS
TO VOTE

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FOR THE FLORIDA 4-H STATE
COUNCIL TREASURER

Hi, I am Abrey Ayers!
I have been in 4-H for
over 10 years. I am
running for Florida 4-H
State Council Treasurer.

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ALL ABOUT ABREY

I JOINED 4-H AT FIVE YEARS OLD. BEING THE FIRST CHILD IN 4-H, I OFTEN DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT WORKED. MY FIRST EVER 4-H CLUB WAS SEWING. I LEARNED HOW TO HAND-SEW, AND I STILL CARRY THOSE SKILLS WITH ME TODAY. I ALSO PERFORMED TO SHARE THE FUN WITH GROUP COMEDIES AND DANCES. GROWING UP, I HAD SO MANY DIFFERENT INTERESTS THAT 4-H HELPED ME SPARK AND REACH PEOPLE WITH THE SAME HOBBIES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEM. I LEARNED PHOTOGRAPHY, SEWING, GARDENING, COOKING, FILMMAKING, LEADERSHIP, VETERINARY SCIENCE, LIVESTOCK, AND CITRUS, ALL WHILE GROWING UP WITH A FAMILY OF 4-HERS.

MY LEADERSHIP JOURNEY BEGAN AFTER JOINING THE SEMINOLE COUNTY 4-H COUNTY COUNCIL. MY FIRST EVER ROLE WAS BEING A HISTORIAN, AND SINCE THEN, MY LEADERSHIP HAS GROWN AND SPARKED IN MANY DIFFERENT POSITIONS AND WAYS. I ALWAYS HAD SUCH PROMINENT ROLE MODELS IN MY COUNTY. THAT GENERALLY TAUGHT ME AND SHOWED ME WHAT REAL LEADERSHIP LOOKED LIKE AND HOW I COULD STEP INTO THAT ROLE MYSELF. THROUGH THEIR GUIDANCE AND MY 4-H AGENTS, I HAVE LEARNED THAT LEADERSHIP ISN'T JUST ABOUT HOLDING A TITLE BUT RATHER BEING THERE, SHOWING UP, WORKING TOGETHER, LISTENING TO OTHERS, GOAL SETTING, AND RESILIENCE. OVER TIME, I HAVE TAKEN ON FURTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, SHAPING MY TRAJECTORY OF BEING A LEADER. ALSO, LEARNING THAT IT'S NOT ABOUT WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST, BUT RATHER WHAT I AM GOING TO ACCOMPLISH AS A FLORIDA 4-H STATE COUNCIL TREASURER.



MY FIRST 4-H CUB



MY FIRST 4-H SHARE THE FUN DANCE



4-H FIELD TRIP

STATE 4-H EXPERIENCE

I NEVER KNEW ABOUT OR UNDERSTOOD THAT 4-H HAD STATE-WIDE EVENTS. MY 4-H AGENT WAS THE BIGGEST INSPIRATION TO GO TO ILEAD, AS SHE CONVINCED ME TO APPLY FOR A STATE-WIDE 4-H EVENT. I SOON RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP TO ILEAD, WHICH LED ME TO MY FIRST-EVER 4-H TRIP AND A COMMUNITY OF YOUTH TO LEARN WITH AND HAVE FUN WITH. A NETWORK OF AMAZING PEOPLE, ALONG WITH INFLUENTIAL WORKSHOPS AND GAMES. I ALSO GOT TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE FLORIDA 4-H EXECUTIVE BOARD PAVES THE WAY FOR THESE AWESOME LEADERSHIP EVENTS. ILEAD WAS SO CRUCIAL TO MY LEADERSHIP SKILLS THAT IT INSPIRED ME TO GIVE BACK AND APPLY FOR THE FLORIDA 4-H EXECUTIVE BOARD. THE NEXT YEAR, I GOT ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND SERVED ON THE ILEAD COMMITTEE AND THE AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE. SERVING ON THE ILEAD COMMITTEE WAS ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING EXPERIENCES. ON THIS COMMITTEE, I GOT TO MAKE IMPACTFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS, AS WELL AS ENCOURAGE FUTURE YOUTH. I LED GROUP COLLABORATIVE GAMES AND TOOK PICTURES THROUGHOUT ILEAD. TEACHING ME IMPACTFUL SKILLS IN COLLABORATION, COMMUNICATION, DECISION-MAKING, AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION. WHILE LEARNING ABOUT OTHER LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, FLORIDA 4-H PROVIDES. THEREFORE, I WAS INSPIRED TO GO TO LEGISLATOR AND 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITAL, WHICH HAS TAUGHT ME FURTHER CIVIC LITERACY AND HOW YOUTH VOICES CAN INFLUENCE REAL POLICIES WHILE LEARNING HOW IMPORTANT CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IS. I HAVE ALSO ATTENDED 4-H UNIVERSITY, WHICH NURTURED HANDS-ON LEARNING WITH WORKSHOPS, TEAM CHALLENGES, AND LEADERSHIP SESSIONS. IT ALSO GOES TO SHOW HOW TO IMPORT THE FLORIDA 4-H STATE SCHOLARSHIP BUDGET. IF I HADN'T RECEIVED THAT SCHOLARSHIP TO ILEAD I WOULD HAVE NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW MY LEADERSHIP AND LEARN ABOUT ALL THESE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS. THEREFORE, IT IS IN MY BEST INTEREST TO GIVE BACK AND FIND WAYS TO PROVIDE OTHER 4-HERS WITH THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES.



WHY DOES IT MAKE CENTS TO VOTE ABREY?

**I AM READY TO READY TO INVEST IN WHAT MATTERS MOST.
4-H AND ITS FUTURE. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT I PUT MY BUSINESS
KNOWLEDGE TO USE. AS TREASURER, I'LL MAKE SURE EVERY DOLLAR
COUNTS, TRACK OUR FUNDS CAREFULLY, AND MAKE SURE YOUR
CONTRIBUTIONS ARE USED FOR THE GREATER GOOD. WHEN IT COMES
TO LEADERSHIP, BUDGETING, AND HEART, IT JUST MAKES CENTS.**

EXPERIENCE

- SEMINOLE COUNTY OUTREACH CO-CHAIR 2024-2025**
- CENTRAL DISTRICT BOARD CHAIR 2024-2025**
- CRUSADERS CLUB VICE PRESIDENT 2024-2025**
- FLORIDA 4-H EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER, 4-H ILEAD COMMITTEE,
AND AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE 2023-2024**
- SEMINOLE COUNTY 4-H COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE 2023-2024**
- CRUSADERS 4-H CLUB VICE PRESIDENT 2024-2024**
- SEMINOLE COUNTY COUNCIL HISTORIAN 2023**
- GALILEO 4-H VICE PRESIDENT**

QUALIFICATIONS

- MOST IMPROVED SOFTBALL PLAYER 2025**
- SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOWLING AWARD 2025**
- SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL AWARD 2025**
- AYERS ACADEMY HONOR ROLL SEMESTER 1 AND 2 2025**
- 4-H NATIONAL CONGRESS AWARD TRIP 2024**
- SEMINOLE COUNTY 4-H COUNTY EVENTS TOP COMPETITOR 2024**
- AYERS ACADEMY HONOR ROLL 1 SEMESTER 2024**
- SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 3 SEMESTERS 2023-2024**
- SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR VARSITY ATHLETIC AWARD 2023-2024**
- MOST 4-H VOLUNTEER HOURS 2023**
- DRAGON OF DISTINCTION 2023**
- PERSERVERANCE AWARD 2023**

WHY AM I RUNNING?

I AM RUNNING TO ENSURE THE FUTURE OF THE FLORIDA 4-H STATE COUNCIL TREASURER. 4-H IS A PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS YOUTH TO GROW AND BUILD IMPORTANT SKILLS USED THROUGHOUT LIFE. BEING A TREASURER, I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMITTING A SEMI-ANNUALLY, ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS AND RECEIPTS FROM THE ACCOUNT OF THE FLORIDA 4-H COUNCIL. THIS SKILL HAS BEEN A PART OF MY KEEPING RECORDS 4-H LIFE SKILLS WHEEL. AS WELL AS LESSONS FROM MY FINANCIAL LITERACY 4-H BOOK. I WILL USE WHAT I LEARNED FROM THAT CLUB AND THE 4-H BOOK TO FURTHER MY LEADERSHIP TO GROW AS A PERSON AND PROVIDE GREATER BENEFIT TO 4-H. I ALSO WANT TO GROW. BEING TREASURER MEANS LEARNING HOW TO MANAGE MONEY, MAKE SMART DECISIONS, AND BE PART OF A LEADERSHIP TEAM. THIS ROLE ISN'T JUST ABOUT NUMBERS; IT'S ABOUT TEAMWORK, COMMUNICATION, AND BEING SOMEONE WHO HELPS OTHERS SUCCEED. AND THAT'S THE KIND OF LEADER I STRIVE TO BE. WITH ME AS TREASURER, YOU'LL HAVE SOMEONE WHO'S DEDICATED, DETAIL-ORIENTED, AND ALWAYS READY TO HELP MAKE YOUR IDEAS A REALITY. I'LL MAKE SURE EVERY DOLLAR WE RAISE GOES TO HELP FLORIDA 4-H PROGRAMS. I WANT TO MAKE AN IMPACT THROUGH LEARNING BY DOING. IN ORDER TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER. PROM

PLANS

ONLINE FUNDRAISERS

ONLINE PLATFORMS LET YOU SHARE YOUR FUNDRAISER FAR BEYOND YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY—FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND SUPPORTERS ANYWHERE CAN DONATE.

HEAD

TEAM CHALLENGE

ALL COUNTIES WILL HAVE A GOAL TO RAISE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR STATE SCHOLARSHIPS. THIS IS A TEAM EFFORT; ALL COUNTRIES MUST WORK TOGETHER.

- LEADERBOARD: POST UPDATES FROM EACH CLUB OR AREA ON THE TOTAL RAISED
- OFFER COUNTY-WIDE PRIZES:
- MOST MONEY RAISED
- MOST CREATIVE FUNDRAISER
- MOST COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

HEART

BINGO NIGHT

A FUNDRAISING BINGO NIGHT

- CHARGE \$1-5 DOLLARS FOR A BINGO CARD
- BINGO CHIPS, MARKERS, OR PENS
- A WAY TO RANDOMLY DRAW NUMBERS (BINGO CAGE, APP, OR ONLINE TOOL)
- PRIZE(S) FOR WINNERS (GIFT CARDS, DONATED ITEMS, TROPHIES)

HANDS

AN EMPTY CAN DRIVE

- AN EMPTY CAN DRIVE COLLECTS USED ALUMINUM CANS (SODA, ENERGY DRINKS, ETC.) FROM YOUR SCHOOL, CLUB, OR COMMUNITY AND BRINGS THEM TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.
- FUNDRAISING AND HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT, USING THE MONEY FROM THE CANS TO SPONSOR 4-H
- WHILE INITIATING RECYCLING AND EDUCATING ON WHY THAT'S IMPORTANT.

HEALTH

4-H HEALTH FUN RUN

THIS IS AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR FLORIDA 4-H WHILE PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

AGENDA

- PICK A DATE WITH GOOD WEATHER (CHECK SCHOOL SCHEDULES & LOCAL EVENTS).
- USE A SCHOOL TRACK, LOCAL PARK, FAIRGROUNDS, OR A SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD LOOP.
- DECIDE THE LENGTH: 1 MILE, 3K, 5K—SOMETHING ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL AGES.
- ENTRY FEES: \$5-\$20 TO REGISTER.
- PLEDGES: PARTICIPANTS COLLECT DONATIONS PER LAP/MILE.
- EXTRAS: SELL T-SHIRTS, WATER BOTTLES, SNACKS, OR RAFFLE TICKETS AT THE EVENT.
- USE PAPER FORMS OR A FREE ONLINE FORM (GOOGLE FORMS OR SIGNUPGENIUS).
- ASK FOR NAME, AGE, EMERGENCY CONTACT, SHIRT SIZE (IF YOU'RE DOING SHIRTS), AND WAIVER AGREEMENT.
- OFFER EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS OR TEAM SIGN-UP OPTIONS.



GOALS

ALL THIS FUNDRAISING, WHERE WILL THE MONEY GO?

GOAL ONE

**FLORIDA 4-H SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING
SUPPLYING FURTHER FUNDS FOR STATE SCHOLARSHIPS.**

GOAL TWO

**A BEGINNING TO CLAIM BACK WHAT WAS LOST
FUNDING AND EFFORT TO BRING BACK 4-H CAMP OCALA, OR FUND INITIAL
PLANS WITH NEW POSSIBILITIES IN THE WELAKA STATE FOREST. MAKING AN
EFFORT TO PUT AWAY EVEN A PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS
GOAL WILL MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF CAMP OCALA OR
POTENTIALLY A CAMP IN THE WELAKA STATE FOREST. CAMP OCALA WAS
ONE OF THE NEWEST 4-H SUMMER CAMPS, CLOSING ITS DOORS IN 2015.
CAMP OCALA WASN'T JUST A PLACE TO STAY IN CABINS; IT WAS A PLACE
WHERE LEADERSHIP WAS BUILT, FRIENDSHIPS WERE FORMED, AND KIDS
FOUND THEIR VOICE. WHEN IT CLOSED, A LOT OF YOUTH LOST ACCESS TO
THE KIND OF EXPERIENCES THAT ONLY HAPPEN AT CAMP. ALUMNI, JUST
REMEMBER WHAT ONCE WAS. CAMP OCALA MEANT A LOT TO CENTRAL
FLORIDA 4-HERS WHO DON'T HAVE A NEARBY OPTION. WHETHER THROUGH
FUNDRAISING AND ALUMNI SUPPORT. I BELIEVE WE CAN BEGIN THE
CONVERSATION TO BRING IT BACK, OR TO BRING PLANS ELSEWHERE, LIKE
WELAKA STATE FOREST. TO REACH MORE YOUTH ACROSS FLORIDA AND
MAKE THE BEST BETTER.**

SOFTBALL

I HAVE PLAYED SOFTBALL SINCE 7TH GRADE. HOW RED CLAY, BASES, UMPIRES, DUGOUTS, TEAMMATES, COACHES, AND HOME PLATE CAN CHANGE SOMEONE, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, A PLACE. CHANTS AND CHEERS, BATS AND BALLS, PRACTICES AND GAMES. DARK PRACTICE NIGHTS UNDER THE LARGE FIELD LIGHTS. SLIDING INTO THE BASE AND BEING AS RED AS CLAY. THE EXCITEMENT AFTER MAKING A DOUBLE PLAY. ALL MADE SUCH A BIG IMPACT ON ME AND SHOWED ME WHAT PLAYING A SPORT MEANT. ALSO, HOW YOU LEARN IMPORTANT LIFE SKILLS THROUGH SPORTS. SOFTBALL TAUGHT ME THAT FAILURE IS JUST A PART OF THE PROCESS AND THAT WHEN YOU STEP ONTO A FIELD, YOU MUST LEARN HOW TO FAIL BEFORE YOU CAN SUCCEED.



BOWLING

BOWLING IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE HOBBIES, WHICH I HAVE TAKEN FURTHER TO BE A SPORT. BOWLING INVOLVES STRATEGY, CONCENTRATION, PATIENCE, BALANCE, AND SELF-IMPROVEMENT. I HAVE MET SO MANY AMAZING PEOPLE BOWLING, AND I HAVE HAD SO MUCH FUN BEING AT THE ALLEY EVERY DAY AND IMPROVING.

CHICKENS & SHOWING

I ALWAYS LOVED HAVING CHICKENS AROUND AS A KID. EVEN IF THE ROOSTERS CHASED ME. HOWEVER, I NEVER UNDERSTOOD SHOWING, UNTIL A PEER 4-HER TAUGHT ME EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW AND GOT ME INTO THE SHOWING ROOM. I SHOWED MY ROOSTER SIVERADO AT THE CENTRAL FLORIDA FAIR. THERE IS SO MUCH HARD WORK THAT GOES INTO SHOWING AND WORKING WITH YOUR ANIMAL THAT IT IS TRULY AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE.



ABOUT ME

VOLUNTEERING

EVERY YEAR FOR MY COUNTY 4-H CLUB, AND MY REGULAR CLUB, I PUT TOGETHER VOLUNTEER EFFORTS OR WORK ON THE SIDE OF A COMMITTEE TO HELP THEM ON. THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN GIVING BACK.



PADDLE BOARDING

ONE OF MY FAVORITE HOBBIES IS PADDLE BOARDING WITH FRIENDS. GOING ON LAKES AND ADVENTURES THROUGH WATERWAYS IN FLORIDA IS A LOT OF FUN. I ENJOY SEEING WILDLIFE AND BEAUTIFUL SUNSETS.



ON THE WATER

BEING ON THE WATER IN GENERAL IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS, WHETHER ITS SWIMMING OR TUBING IN LAKES, SWIMMING IN OCEANS, OR BEING ON BOATS, EVEN BEING IN FLORIDA'S NATURAL SPRING. ALL BRING ME SUCH JOY!



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COUNCIL TREASURER

In conclusion, thank you for
reading my graphic. It only makes
cents to vote Abrey Ayers for
treasurer to pave the way to
success for the 2025-2026 term.

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