Timmy Hawes

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Hello, my name is Timmy Hawes. I have been a member of 4-H for 11 years and I am running for the office of Florida 4-H State Council Treasurer.

A little bit about me and my early 4-H career.

My name is Timmy Hawes. I have known Florida to be my home for my entire life. I enjoy spending time in the great outdoors and being with my family and friends.

A few of my favorite personal hobbies include fishing, shooting sports, recreating outdoors, football, weightlifting, and running. I also thoroughly enjoy public speaking and leadership.

I love to meet new people wherever I go. Whether I am at the beach, at a 4-H meeting, or even taking a walk. I also enjoy competing with my friends in anything we do. I welcome all public speaking and leadership roles offered to me with open arms.

When I was 5 years old, my older brother took me to a 4-H club meeting. At that young age, I felt uneasy with so many unfamiliar people around me. As I stood there for a few seconds, other youth started to approach me, introducing themselves, making me feel welcome. Once the meeting began, I was starstruck by my fellow youth taking charge to lead a meeting. I knew as soon as I was old enough, I would like to do the same thing. I started attending more club meetings becoming more involved as time progressed. I began participating in 4-H projects including fishing, marine ecology, and (once I became eligible) shooting sports and livestock. Little did I know, this was just the beginning of my 4-H involvement.







My state 4-H experience.

When I was 13 years old, I attended my first state 4-H event, iLEAD. It was here that my passion for 4-H grew beyond measure. I had the opportunity to connect with like-minded youth from across the state that were just as passionate about the 4-H program as I was. I also had the opportunity to meet a few of the 4-H state officers at the time. Instantly, I knew that I wanted to make positive impacts on the 4-H program just as they had. At this event, I learned all about state 4-H. I was interested in joining the Florida 4-H Executive Board, but I was not sure if my application would be accepted. However, one of the state officers convinced me to apply. Once I got home, I began working on my Executive Board application. It would be a couple of months before I received an email containing the result of my application, but I checked almost every day (just in case). I received an email from Florida 4-H congratulating me on my position on the Executive Board. My excitement was through the roof. I knew that I wanted to make an impact on the program that changed my life, and this was the way of doing so. I made lifelong connections at my first Executive Board meeting and together we strived to make the largest impact possible on the 4-H program. I was seated on the iLEAD Committee and the Ways and Means Committee. After Third Executive Board, we were ready for the summer state events. I fell in love with providing youth the same experiences at iLEAD that I was gifted. I also attended my first 4-H University which is where I decided that I will run for state office the following year. Furthermore, I attended my first 4-H Legislature this year where I served as a lobbyist. At this event, I had the honor of receiving the Chris Allen Award for the most outstanding lobbyist.



Pictured above: I received the Chris Allen award for outstanding lobbyist.



Pictured above: Returning from 4-H Legislature.



Pictured above: building a flowerbed at 4-H Executive Board.

Why should you elect me as Treasurer?

Throughout my time in 4-H, I have had the privilege of leading largely successful fundraisers each year. For example, in the 2023-2024 4-H year, I worked to implement fundraisers in the Project Stable 4-H Club in Broward County, collectively raising \$14,970.64. This significant total was collected at the club level. If we execute the same fundraising concepts on a larger, statewide scale, our income margin will increase dramatically. I plan to execute successful fundraisers for this great program, outlined in subsequent pages. Do I have experience serving in the role of Treasurer? Yes, I do. I always work to lead by example for my fellow 4-H'ers by modeling respect for my peers, adult volunteers, and everyone around me. Additionally, I strive to show compassion and caring for others, execute excellent work ethic by completing 100% of tasks, show good problem-solving skills, and keep a level head in difficult situations. I want to be the first person to ask if you need any help, and the last person to stop helping you. I always try to set a good example for those around me, and look forward to exemplifying the values of 4-H in everything I do.



Pictured above: 4-H'ers and I volunteering at one of our club's fundraisers.

Why am I running?

The answer to this question is simple to me. As a 4-H'er, I have made a pledge to help better my club, my community, my country, and my world, and I plan to do exactly that. I am running to make a difference in this world by serving what I believe to be the greatest youth development program in the nation and to give back to the program that has given me everything and changed my life forever. My goal is to be able to make the same impact on the 4-H program that the 4-H program has made on me.

Qualifications and Experiences.

Throughout my 11 years in 4-H, I have had the opportunity to gain many life skills, collect valuable life experiences, and volunteer for many different organizations. All of which I am extremely grateful for and cherish. What I have experienced in 4-H has shaped me as an individual and has made me who I am today. Some of my more recent qualifications and experiences are listed below.

National Qualifications and Experiences

• President of the United States' Gold Volunteer Service Award Recipient

State Qualifications and Experiences

- Florida 4-H Executive Board Member (2022, 2023, 2024)
- Florida 4-H Executive Board iLEAD Committee Member (2022, 2023, 2024)
- Florida 4-H Executive Board Ways and Means Committee Member (2022, 2023)
- Florida 4-H Executive Board Service Committee Member (2023, 2024)
- Work Ready Florida Ambassador

Local Qualifications and Experiences

- Hooked on Nature 4-H Club President
- Hooked on Nature 4-H Club Treasurer
- Fort Lauderdale Archers 4-H Club President
- Project Stable 4-H Club Secretary
- Project Stable 4-H Club Vice President
- Volunteer for many different 501(c)3 organizations



Assembling a care package for the homeless.



Pictured above: Work Ready Florida attending the Florida Farm Bureau convention.



Pictured above: 4-H'ers and I volunteering to clean one of our local archery ranges.

Plans and Goals.

In the office of Treasurer, I plan to make an impact on the lives of 4-H'ers statewide by founding different fundraising opportunities that 4-H members across the State of Florida can participate in. 4-H members should have efficient means to help raise funds for the state program, in addition to their clubs, counties, and districts. Furthermore, I believe in providing excellent state merchandise for our members. My plans and goals to accomplish these tasks can be found below.

- Cost Effective Merchandise When I previously served on the Ways and Means
 Committee for the Florida 4-H Executive Board, I have noticed that the cost of
 producing certain merchandise (such as jackets and blazers) was noticeably
 costlier than market averages when compared with other companies. It is my
 goal to decrease the expenses 4-H pays for their merchandise, without
 degrading the quality of the item. In turn, we may lower the cost of
 merchandise purchases for members while still maintaining profit margins.
- Business Collaborations I plan to collaborate with 4-H friendly businesses to hold fundraising events to benefit our program. One of the 4-H clubs I help lead, Project Stable, has collaborated with various business that have agreed to hold fundraisers and allow us to keep a percentage of the profit. Many businesses are willing to work with 4-H, as donations to our program are tax deductible as well. My goal, if I am elected, is to build strong connections with 4-H friendly businesses to help better our program.
- 4-H Cost Effective Fundraiser Guide It is my goal to provide local 4-H programs at the club and county levels with a detailed handbook regarding how to hold an effective fundraiser. There are many variables when it comes to raising money and this can be a daunting task for new 4-H members. With this handbook, clubs will have the knowledge to raise money for their programs to provide their youth with a sense of accomplishment, pride, and enhance their 4-H experience.

Interesting information about me.

I have been fishing for what seems to be a soon as I could walk. It has been a huge part of my life, along with 4-H. I love to share this passion with my 4-H peers and look forward to the days I can spend outdoors.

As I became older, I even began to fish competitively in tournaments.

My favorite type of fishing is saltwater fishing. I enjoy how relaxing it is out on the open water, especially with my family.

















I have also been competing in archery ever since I was 8 years old. I would never have discovered this passion without 4-H and I am extremely grateful for all that 4-H has done for me. I became so involved with this sport, I even began to compete nationally!

Thanks to this sport, I have made so many memories and friends from all over the state and nation that will last a lifetime.

Interesting information about me (continued).

I feel most at home when I am in the outdoors. I enjoy almost every activity that I can think of as long as it is in nature.





As long as I am in God's creation, I will have nothing but a smile on my face.





I also enjoy photography! Especially taking pictures of nature.

Photography is one of the ways I can help people see the world through my own eyes. Sharing these pictures with my fellow 4-H'ers is one of my favorite things to do.









Throughout my years in 4-H.



Pictured above: Final night at Third Executive Board.



Pictured above: The attendees from Broward County at 4-H Legislature.



Pictured above: Serving as a legislative aide for the Speaker of the House, Carolyn Wolking, at 4-H Legislature.



Pictured above: Competing at the Florida Gator Cup.



Pictured above: Filling buckets of hay to feed to livestock.



Pictured above: Competing at the State Tailgate Contest.



Pictured above: 4-H volunteers and Mayhem Ranch working at the South Florida Spring Festival.



Pictured above: Leading A Southern Bore 4-H Club meeting.

In Conclusion.

Before I begin, I would like to personally thank you for reading my campaign graphic. In conclusion, my ultimate goal is to make a lasting impact on my club, my community, my country, and my world. I hope that you now have a general consensus of who you would like to elect. I look forward to the opportunity to showcase my skills and potentially serve as your 2024-2025 Florida 4-H State Council Treasurer. Thank you!

Good luck to the all the other candidates and may the best candidate win!







We need YOU to vote Timmy Hawes for Treasurer