

Thomas Hawes

Florida 4-H State Officer and Highschool Honors Student

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Education: Florida Virtual School 9th Grade - Present Academic Honor Role	Workforce Experience: <i>March 2021 – Present: Mayhem Ranch – Ranch Hand</i> Owner: Mr. Jimmy Wickett – Davie, FL & Morriston, FL <i>Livestock and Exotic Animal Care</i> <i>Festival Assistance (Management, Transport, etc.)</i> <i>Property Management</i> <i>March 2024 – Present: Miami Airsoft</i> Owner: Mr. Daniel Baez – Miami, FL & Palm Beach, FL <i>Educational Seminar Leader</i> <i>Promotional Activity Assistance</i>

Volunteer Service:

Feeding South Florida: *Packing meals to feed underserved communities throughout South Florida.*
Pier and Beach Clean-ups: *Collecting waste and debris from marine ecosystems to protect wildlife.*
Bio Blitz: *Documenting plant and wildlife populations for researchers to view as part of a Citizen Science Project.*
Project ROC: *Planting dunes, mangroves, and other plant species to protect the beaches and coastlines of Florida from erosion.*
One Beautiful World: *Visiting nursing home residents and providing flowers, games, and companionship.*
Project Stable: *Caring for and feeding livestock, completing farm maintenance, and educating youth on agriculture.*
4-H SERVES Hurricane Helene Relief Drive: *Distributing donated supplies to residents of the Big Bend Region of Florida.*
Operation Christmas Child: *Packing boxes of toys and amenities to send to children all around the world for Christmas.*
Wreaths Across America: *Laying wreaths on the graves of fallen soldiers.*
Archery Range Cleanup: *Cleaning and maintaining a 501(c)3 archery range.*
1 Million Meals Packing: *Packing one million meals for those in need in underserved communities facing malnutrition.*

2024-2025 - 4-H Leadership Experience & Qualifications:

Florida 4-H State Council: *Secretary*
Florida 4-H Executive Board: *Ambassador Committee Chairman*
Florida 4-H Executive Board: *4-H University Committee Member*

Work Ready Florida 4-H Club: *Ambassador*
Florida Farm Bureau Convention: *Representative*
Florida 4-H Southeast District Board: *Delegate*
Southern Bore 4-H Club: *President*

Recent 4-H Experiences, Responsibilities, & Awards

National 4-H Shooting Sports Competitor for Team Florida—*Compound Archery*
Florida 4-H Regional Tailgate Competition/Beef Division—*Regional Champion*
4-H State Tailgate Competition/Beef Division—*State Champion*
President of the United States' Volunteer Service Gold Award—*500 Hours*

Florida 4-H State Archery Match—*State Champion*
Florida 4-H State Air Rifle Match—*Second Place*
Florida 4-H State Rifle Match—*Second Place*

Life Skills:

Leadership: Leadership is especially important when working in groups. Through 4-H, I have had the opportunity to serve as president, vice president, and secretary at numerous levels of leadership. Leading multiple state-wide events, committees, service activities, and tournaments has exponentially increased my leadership proficiency. With these opportunities, I have become a strong, humble, and reliable servant leader. Recent leadership experiences include serving as Florida 4-H State Council Secretary and Florida 4-H Executive Board Ambassador Committee Chairman, exhibited at First Executive Board (10/25-10/27), Second Executive Board (1/24-1/26), and Third Executive Board (4/25-4/27). Furthermore, I am serving as Florida's Arkansas Teen Leadership Conference Delegate, and led the Ambassador Committee advocating at the South Florida Fair (1/28), Miami Dade Youth Fair (3/13), and Flavors of Florida (4/03).

Organization & Goal Setting: Organization is key when planning events, trips, or any other activities. Organization is also important for time management, ensuring tasks are completed in a timely fashion. I have assisted in planning multiple state-wide events using the organizational skills that 4-H has taught me. Serving as the chair of the Ambassador Committee this year, I was faced with quite a challenge. The committee lacked a purpose statement to guide our efforts. I was tasked with not only establishing committee goals, but also setting benchmarks for committee members to strive for. After thorough brainstorming and following the S.M.A.R.T. goals method, I was able to develop benchmarks and a purpose statement approved by the committee. I can now confidently say that the Ambassador Committee has a strong foundation and is heading in a fantastic direction, exemplified by the many opportunities that Ambassador Committee Members engaged with throughout the 4-H year.

Public Speaking & Communication: Whether you're leading a statewide event or a small club, public speaking is crucial. As a result of serving on the Florida 4-H State Council this year, I have represented our program at numerous events, including Florida Farm Bureau Day at the State Capitol (3/17-3/18) and Florida Cattlemen's Association Legislative Quarterly (3/11-3/12), where I had the opportunity to lobby to many legislators regarding Florida 4-H's PECO funding request to rebuild Camp Cherry Lake. Additionally, I spoke with Representative Jason Shoaf, who looks forward to supporting and lobbying for 4-H agricultural efforts in Broward County. To continue, I was able to speak to our crowd of attendees at Florida 4-H Day at the Capitol (3/24-3/26), where there were over 700 4-H Members present. Furthermore, while attending the Florida Outdoor Expo (5/02-5/04), I was put in contact with the President of Safari Club International (SCI). I communicated information about Florida 4-H Shooting Sports Programs, which they plan to support in the near future. Additional events where I had the opportunity to exhibit public speaking and communication skills include the Florida Farm Bureau Convention (10/29-11/01), Sunbelt Ag Expo (10/14-10/17), Florida State Fair Ag Hall of Fame (2/11), Champion of Champions Banquet (2/17), Bulls, Broncs, and BBQ (3/22-3/23), and the Suwannee Cares Dinner (5/01).