

Re: ***Discover Your Future Program***

Dear Parents and 4-H Youth,

I would like to introduce a first-in-the-nation program involving 4-H Youth Development and Kansas State University academic units. The ***Discover Your Future*** Career Exploration and Pathway Program will kick off November 1, 2024 with enrollment & application process (initial timeline below). The program pilot will enable 80 junior and senior high 4-H youth (20 per class) to achieve college credit by completing an aligned 4-H project and passing the accompanying K-State introductory-level college course.

The project courses available are:

- **Introduction to Personal Financial Planning:** 3 credit hours
 - (4-H project area: Family Studies-Consumer Skills)
- **Introduction to Human Development:** 3 credit hours
 - (4-H project area: Family Studies – Child Development, Consumer Skills or Family)
- **Introduction to Agriculture Communications:** 2 credit hours
 - (4-H project area: Creative Arts/Photography and/or Digital Media)
- **Communication Public Speaking:** 3 credit hours (new this year)
 - (4-H project area: any project area)

Discover Your Future Program will benefit 4-H youth:

- Combining 4-H projects with advanced learning
- Use course assignments to help set goals, manage project expectations, increase knowledge and growth mindset within project area
- Obtain dual high school and college credit

Discover Your Future Program will benefit Parents:

- Inexpensive way for child to gain dual high school and college credit.
- Provides an opportunity for 4-H Youth to explore career exploration and pathways.

How ***Discover Your Future Program*** works:

Application & Enrollment – Students will enroll in an aligned project area through 4-H online as a 4-H member. Next, eligible 4-H youth (Junior & Senior in High School) will fill out a ***Discover Your Future*** Career & Exploration and Pathway application at the link below.

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_01CbtGRIpzd0PYO. The applications require parent, county agents and school counselor signatures

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3F71B70tRklWuSG.

This program is in a pilot phase II with an initial small-scale implementation to assess the program and work out any trouble-spots for the project, thus the need to limit the initial offering to a total of 80 4-H Youth.

The total *estimated value* of this program per 4-H youth is up to \$715 (tuition plus college and departmental fees). Additionally, we plan to work with school systems to offer the courses for dual credit.

4-H application will be reviewed by the Discover Your Future team and a recommendation will be made for acceptance into the program and chosen class. If selected to participate in the program, the participant will be required to pay a \$90 program fee. Kansas State tuition costs will be paid by the Discover Your Future scholarship. Textbook fees -- including electronic books, materials and required software -- are the responsibility of the 4-H student and varies from class to class. Below is the estimated class cost for 4-H youth: Introduction to Personal Financial Planning – no additional cost; Introduction to Human Development - \$79 for access to Top Hat interactive textbook; Introduction to Agriculture Communications – Adobe Creative Suits student price \$19.99 per month (requires annual membership total \$239.88, can cancel after the class with 50% of your remaining contract obligation); Communication Public Speaking - \$10 open access textbook.

Support System - An Extension Navigator (EN) for each course will provide support to an instructor and the 4-H student. The EN can assist 4-H youth in navigating the K-State system (application to K-State Canvas course platform, course questions) and support the 4-H student if needed to the 4-H student on track or answer timely questions.

Timeline for the Project:

4-H enrollment opened Oct. 1 for project selection.

DYF Application opened Nov. 1.

Nov. 1: Program information letter sent to 4-H members through 4-H online.

Nov. 13: Program informational webinar for 4-H youth, parents, and agents.

Dec. 8, or until 80 slots are filled: Application deadline.

Dec. 9-13: Review of applications.

Dec. 16: Acceptance letters sent out.

Dec. 16-20: Free pre-college applications to Kansas State University.

Jan. 10: Deadline for program fee (\$90). Pay at <https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUEXTPRG>

Jan. 13: Official enrollment into courses.

Jan. 15: Student class orientation webinar.

Jan. 21 – May: Class duration.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email, rlpeterson@ksu.edu

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