



4-H youth are uniquely prepared to confront the challenges of a complex, changing world.

Why? Because we focus on helping youth develop a real sense of belonging, independence, generosity and mastery of vital life skills and knowledge aligned with *their* interests.

"4-H lets kids have fun while teaching them how to be responsible young adults that are ready to change the world. I would have never been as successful as I am today without the strong foundation in public speaking, leadership and community engagement that I learned from this program. Overall, 4-H constructs determined individuals through the process of learning new skills and giving back to others. I am very proud to be a 4-Her." —Natalie, a 4-H member, got it right. 4-H programs, staff and volunteers offer youth a safe, supportive and positive community to learn life-skills and discover their potential.

Yakima County 4-H Benefactors are the family members, volunteers, mentors, staff, supporters and local professionals that have experienced the benefits of 4-H first-hand.

We've seen children grow into caring, competent, confident adults with positive character and strong connection, who ultimately contribute more; to their community and the workforce for a healthier, stronger America and a better world.

HOW WILL YOU

**JOIN | THE REVOLUTION
OF RESPONSIBILITY ?**

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**An Invitation
to join the
Yakima County
4-H Benefactor
Team...**

***An opportunity to
support the
development of
leadership,
citizenship and
responsibility
among Yakima
County's youth.***

The 4-H Study of
Positive Youth Development shows...

4-H helps youth excel beyond their peers—they are healthier, smarter and more responsible. 4-H youth...

Make more healthy choices

4-H'ers are 2.3 times more likely to exercise and be physically active, and have significantly lower rates of drug, tobacco and alcohol use.

Excel in school and the sciences

4-H'ers report better grades, higher levels of engagement and are nearly twice as likely to plan for college. 4-H'ers are also more likely to pursue science careers, especially 4-H girls.

Improve their communities

4-H'ers are 3.4 times more likely to actively contribute to their community.



The Challenge

Financial support is needed to help growing numbers of local youth participate in 4-H programs. Now, more than ever, our youth need quality opportunities that encourage the lasting development of self esteem, self reliance and personal responsibility. Directly because of donors like you, local youth have access to 4-H club membership, educational workshops, programs and leadership development events!

Funding is also used for 4-H enrollment fee sponsorship, national summits, 4-H conference registration fees, livestock judging, basic supplies, postage and other necessary materials to support the large network of volunteers who dedicate their time to mentor, lead and support 4-H youth.

“To Make the Best Better”

The Plan

The Yakima County 4-H Council has established an on-going 4-H Benefactor Program dedicated to these critical needs, with the hope of raising \$25,000 per year.

We seek individuals, families and businesses that believe in the benefits of 4-H and wish to show their support by making an annual donation to ensure the program's success.

100% of donations benefit the Yakima County 4-H Program and are tax deductible (tax ID# 23-7283286).

Yakima County 4-H Benefactor Pledge

I wish to join the Yakima County 4-H Benefactor Team.
I am pledging the following amount:

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|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ | |

- Please apply this contribution to 4-H membership fee sponsorship.
- Please apply this contribution to the 4-H general fund.
- I wish to be invoiced for this amount again in November for the next 4-H year.
- I prefer to support the program with a single contribution in the amount selected above.

Name _____

Company _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Signature _____

*Please make checks payable to **Yakima Co. 4-H Council** and mail this form and your contribution to the Yakima County 4-H Council, c/o WSU Yakima County Extension*