

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Nine-Day Youth Trip

Broadens appreciation and respect for U.S. government and America's history

County Delegates

Create and implement an action plan for their communities

Exceptional Value

LITF and County Leaders' Associations provide financial support to make CWF affordable — the South Dakota State 4-H Office plans activities to keep costs down



South Dakota's Delegation

CONTACT YOUR COUNTY TODAY

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS (CWF)

What is CWF?

CWF is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for 4-H'ers, thousands of which come to the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD, each summer, to learn about the democratic process, their role as citizens, and experience our nation's capital.

Who can participate?

4-H'ers ages 15 – 18, as of January 1 of the trip year are eligible to attend CWF. Contact the 4-H Youth Advisor for your County to determine other county-specific steps to apply for CWF. Counties give their selected CWF youth delegates initial instructions and forms in November to send to the State 4-H Office on/before January 17.

What does CWF cost?

Due to financial support from the Livestock Industry Trust Fund (LITF) and continued cost-cutting measures by the SD State 4-H Office, the cost for 2016 CWF is \$1,275 per youth delegate (transportation, lodging, and most meals). Some Leader Associations provide scholarships. Youth delegates should plan to bring approximately \$300 in spending money.



Typical CWF Itinerary

- ★ **Saturday:** Leave South Dakota via coach bus
- ★ **Sunday:** Arrive at National 4-H Center
- ★ **Monday:** Tour Washington D.C. sights
- ★ **Tuesday:** Workshops & meetings
- ★ **Wednesday:** Capitol Hill Day
- ★ **Thursday:** Workshops, sightseeing & Cultural Heritage Evening
- ★ **Friday:** Delegation Day on the National Mall & Talent Show
- ★ **Saturday:** Leave Maryland via coach bus
- ★ **Sunday:** Arrive South Dakota



County Selection Process

CWF youth delegates are selected at a County level based on local policies and procedures. Delegates must be able to perform the following essential functions of the trip with or without reasonable accommodations:

- ★ Age-appropriate social & intellectual skills to actively participate in all activities
- ★ Physical stamina to walk long distance & endurance for participating in in 16-hour day

The State 4-H Office and the National 4-H Council coordinate registration, transportation, lodging, some meals, activities and events for the South Dakota delegation.

South Dakota 4-H'ers wishing to participate in CWF need to contact their 4-H Youth Advisor to find out if their County has CWF delegate reservations. If yes, then youth and their families need to complete the application steps the County and State 4-H Office require.



Non-Refundable Payment Schedule

The first payment of \$300 is due to the State 4-H Office on December 1 with the County's completed reservation form. CWF delegates' completed forms and the second payment of \$500 is due January 15. In March, the State 4-H Office sends the first email to CWF delegates and participating Counties with initial trip documents:

- ★ Cover letter of instructions
- ★ Chaperone Responsibilities
- ★ Committee Sign Up Form
- ★ Tentative Itinerary
- ★ Events Listing
- ★ Dress Code

The final \$500 payment is due to the State 4-H Office on May 1. The State 4-H Office sends the last email message to CWF delegates and participating Counties with final trip documents on/before June 1.

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