

2026 4-H Youth Get-Away Counselor/CIT Application

Counselor Applicants must be 15 years old to apply.

CIT Applicants must be 13 and in the 8th grade or 14 years old to apply.

Due March 2, 2026 in the State 4-H Office

Name _____ **DOB** _____ **Age** _____

Complete Mailing Address _____
Street or PO Box

_____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

County _____ **Years in 4-H** _____

Applicant's Cell Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone Number _____

E-mail address _____

T-shirt: _____ **Female** _____ **Male** _____
_____**S** ____ **M** ____ **L** ____ **XL** ____ **2XL** _____

I verify that:

_____ **I am 15 years old and applying to be a Counselor, or**

_____ **I am 13 and in the 8th grade or 14 years old and applying to be a CIT**

Less **More**
Experienced **Experienced**

I would rank my leadership experience: **1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10**

Short Answer Portion of Application – 15 points

- 1. What camps have you attended (4-H and other)? Please list camp name and date attended (month and year).**
- 2. In what camps have you served as a camp counselor (4-H and other)? Please list camp name and date served (month and year).**
- 3. Describe your previous experience working with novice and junior aged youth (8-12 years old) other than the camps listed above.**

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4. What are you hoping to learn as a YGA Camp Counselor/CIT?

5. As a camp counselor, you have a large responsibility. What talents and skills do you have to make you great at this job?

6. How would you handle the following situations as a camp counselor:

- Name calling/teasing:**

- Homesickness:**

- Disruptive youth:**

Essay Portion of Application – 20 points

“Why I Would Be a Good 4-H Counselor or CIT for Youth Get-Away”

Instructions:

On this page, please write 1 – 2 paragraphs in an essay on the topic above. Please take your time and explain to us the importance of becoming a counselor.

Counselor/CIT Contract

Camp Counselor's General Responsibility

Below is the contract that contains the responsibilities and duties of the Camp Counselor/CIT. By signing the contract, the Counselor/CIT accepts to carry out these responsibilities.

Assume responsibility with a partner Counselor/CIT for a group of 20-25 campers of the same age level from several different counties for Friday, Saturday and Sunday during meals, workshops, and activities.

Specific Duties

- Participate in YGA Camp Counselor/CIT Zoom Training end of March, beginning of April.
- Arrive at Glorieta Adventure Camps by 5pm on April 16th for Counselor/CIT Training.
- Follow event rules as set forth by the New Mexico 4-H program.
- Know where your campers are at all times (including free time) and be present at critical times.
- Be aware of health, safety, and well-being of your campers. Check for illness or injury. Report major health problems to the camp nurse or a chaperone.
- See that you, your group, and fellow counselors know and observe camp rules, including event dress code.
- Help your group make a wide variety of choices for activities and participate with campers.
- Be sensitive to campers' personalities, differences, and needs.

I would like to serve as a Counselor or a Counselor-in-Training at 4-H Youth Get-Away April 17-19, 2026 and agree to follow all event rules and duties. I understand that I am expected to stay at the host facility for YGA. Transportation to and from 4-H Youth Get-Away is my responsibility.

4-H member's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

4-H Agent's Signature

Date

Agent's Portion – 15 points

Agent Recommendation for Youth Counselor/CIT Applicant

Applicant's Name: _____

Agent's Assessment – Please complete one per counselor/CIT application. This will only be used in the final selection process.

Please complete the following according to the individual's experience:

Applicant has experienced many leadership opportunities through the program already.
Please specify what strengths you believe this applicant brings to the YGA program.

Additional leadership opportunities would greatly benefit this youth.
Please specify what skills you feel would be valuable for this applicant to learn.

Additional comments and recommendations:

4-H Agent's Signature

Date