



St. John the Baptist Parish 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute Application

The True Leaders in Equity Institute will prepare teams to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System as we work to create more welcoming and inclusive environments. This training and leadership opportunity challenges participants to work together to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4-H in their communities.

At the institute, teams will:

- Gain a deeper understanding of key principles and concepts related to equity and inclusion.
- Identify a particular equity indicator and/or issue to focus on for the next year.
- Develop their skills and competencies in equity leadership and make connections to people, organizations, and tools that can be helpful for their projects.
- Create an overall framework for their project for the next year and a specific 90-day action plan to implement when they return home.

This national event will occur July 7-11, 2024, in Washington, D.C.

A panel of St. John Parish community members will judge all applications. **The deadline to apply is Friday, December 1, 2023.**

4-H MEMBER INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Grade: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Age as of Jan. 1, 2024: _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Why are you applying to attend the True Leaders in Equity Institute?

2. What does diversity, equity, and inclusion mean to you?

3. What equity-related topics/projects are you passionate about? Why?

4. Describe something you have seen/heard in your community that you believe is inequitable. What can be done to make it more equitable?

If selected, you will be required to work with a team of youth and adults before, during, and after the True Leaders in Equity Institute to champion of equity-related projects in St. John Parish 4-H. Will you give your full commitment to this effort?

_____Yes _____No

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

First & Last Name: _____ Relationship to the applicant: _____

Valid Email Address: _____

If selected, you will be required to pay a \$150 non-refundable commitment fee. A payment schedule can/will be established for assistance. Please acknowledge and certify this application by signing below.

4-H Member Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date