



Thank you for your interest in becoming an essential part of the Thurston County 4-H Youth Development Program. Volunteers serve as adult partners, mentoring the creative, caring, youth citizens in our 4-H community. Becoming a WSU Certified 4-H Youth Development Program Volunteer requires the following steps be completed in order to ensure the safest environment possible for all participants.

1. Complete all required enrollment information online directly at <https://wa.4honline.com>. Be sure to check the volunteer box and list yourself with the appropriate club.

2. Complete the following documents and submit to the WSU Thurston County Extension Office or return via email.

a WSU 4-H Youth Development Volunteer Application

b WSU requires three completed personal references. Please share the reference forms with three adults who know you well and return the completed forms with your application.

c Once the documents have been reviewed by the 4-H office, you will receive an email invitation requesting that you complete an online background check, at no cost to you. Please complete the screening as soon as possible.

3. Visit <https://campus.extension.org/course/view.php?id=1757> and watch the **Put the Child First** presentation, or arrange a time to watch the video at the WSU Extension Office. Once on the website, you will see at note that guests may not access the course; click on the “Continue” button, and you will be directed to the eXtension log on page. If you have not already created an account with eXtension Campus, you may use your Google or Microsoft account, or click on the “Create New Account” button. After creating an account, navigate to 4-H & Youth, scroll down and click on “Washington”, and then click on “WSU Put the Child First”. The county group name is Thurston4H; the enrollment key is **THURSTON4H**.

4. Complete the e-learning modules found on eXtension Campus, <https://campus.extension.org/course/view.php?id=1757>.

4. Register for and participate in an in-person **Volunteer Orientation**. This workshop will provide you with the information, tools and resources needed to work within the Thurston County 4-H Youth Development Program. If you plan to start a new club, or will be assisting with an existing club, please also complete the **Club Management Workshop**. These in-person trainings are offered regularly, and are advertised in the Thurston County **4-HLINK** newsletter, which you’ll begin receiving as soon as you enroll as an adult volunteer

Feel free to contact the 4-H office if you have any questions about Thurston County 4-H, or the WSU Certified Volunteer application and training process.

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