

## Washington State Priorities

*Each county had the opportunity to cast five votes.  
 The following table shows the outcome of the voting process.*

[Go to the top five Washington State Priorities](#) that will be taken to Washington, D.C.

# of Votes	The Power of Youth
6	<b>(#1)</b> Empowering youth as leaders & providing new opportunities for practicing leadership skills
1	<b>(#2)</b> Create opportunities to assist adults in changing their attitudes towards youth; help adults perceive youth as valued partners
7	<b>(#3)</b> Increase youth involvement in decision making related to youth program development and in governing groups.
1	<b>(#4)</b> Involving youth in fund raising, related to higher education - scholarships
# of Votes	Access, Equity and Opportunity
1	<b>(#1)</b> Develop effective internal and external communications using a variety of media.
4	<b>(#2)</b> Nationally 4H needs to be promoted intensely. 4H needs to be easier to find in phone books, and through a web search.
3	<b>(#3)</b> Recruit in under-served areas (low-income, ethnic groups, age & targeted communities to increase diversity.
2	<b>(#4)</b> Create a way for youth to understand other cultures and ethnicity.
3	<b>(#5)</b> Increase marketing of 4-H to raise awareness, recruit leaders and offer opportunities to an increased number of youth.
8	<b>(#6)</b> Increase 4-H offerings: summer activities, school enrichment, workforce preparation, super Saturdays and family nights out.

4	<b>(#7)</b> Adults mentoring youth across cultures, generations and ages for youth development and for service to others.
<b># of Votes</b>	<b>Extraordinary Places to Learn</b>
7	<b>(#1)</b> Create or build youth/community centers; places where youth can gather and all may live and learn equally.
3	<b>(#2)</b> Provide opportunities for positive activities for youth through the development of programs and education that strengthens morals & values.
<b># of Votes</b>	<b>Exceptional People, Innovative Practices</b>
9	<b>(#1)</b> Create a coalition of those involved in youth activities and a youth council to work alongside adults for program development and implementation. These coalitions could also address substance abuse issues.
1	<b>(#2)</b> Create a Master 4H Leader designation, earned after several years of taking classes and participating in 4H projects and activities with youth.
3	<b>(#3)</b> Develop meaningful programs that stimulate youth to become active life-long learners while teaching morals and values.
1	<b>(#4)</b> Add new and exciting, up-to-date programming that attracts youth and teaches life skills.
3	<b>(#5)</b> Expand the opportunities for youth to be exposed to new places and new learning experiences.
0	<b>(#6)</b> Encourage youth involvement in community works.
1	<b>(#7)</b> Increase parent involvement and parent education classes involving youth.
1	<b>(#8)</b> Teach youth to connect with one another, and their environment
1	<b>(#9)</b> Recruit adults who will commit to the challenge of providing quality education for youth.
<b># of Votes</b>	<b>Effective Organizational Systems</b>
7	<b>(#10)</b> Increase financial support from both traditional funding sources and from innovative new partnerships.
3	<b>(#11)</b> Increase youth employment opportunities, including paid internships and career shadowing.