**University of California 4-H Youth Development Program Stanislaus County**

**4-H County Ambassador Application**

**4-H County Ambassadors are liaisons between the county 4-H office, 4-H members, volunteers, and the public. The Ambassadors visit 4-H clubs in their county and region, network with other organizations within the community, and represent their county at the annual 4-H State Leadership Conference. 4-H County Ambassadors are role models for their fellow 4-H members and their community.**

**The 4-H County Ambassador rank not only recognizes a member's leadership abilities, but it is also a working honor. 4-H County Ambassadors assist with county events, develop plans of action, and perform service projects. This esteemed position keeps older members involved by providing them with leadership development through goals to strive for as they serve as leader role models for younger members.**

**Time Commitment: 23 months, from the time you are selected to June 30 of the 2nd year.**

**Qualifications**

* Applicant must be between 14 – 18 years of age by July of 4-H year applying and meet 4-H membership requirements for the length of term of service.
* Applicant must have completed at least one year of membership in 4-H.
* Applicant must have demonstrated leadership experience and skills.

**Application & Selection**

Send required application form, sustaining documents and letters of recommendation to the county office by August 1st. Required application elements include the following:

* 1. **Application Cover Sheet**
  2. **Essay Responses**
  3. **Resume** highlighting leadership and citizenship skills as well as personal and professional development.
  4. **Letters of recommendation** (3).
  5. One letter from a 4-H youth member
  6. Two letters from adults who have knowledge of the applicant’s leadership experience,

skills, and character. At least one of the letters must be from a 4-H adult.

**Ambassador Selection Process**

1. **Interview Committee Reviews Application**
2. **Prepared speech** delivered to the review committee. Applicant selects their own topic from the list below (limit to three topics)

* Leadership
* Youth/Adult partnerships
* Service-learning projects
* What is 4-H
* What is your favorite 4-H project and why?
* “To make the best better”

1. **Individual interview with the review committee**
2. **Notification of selection**

**Stanislaus County**

**Application Deadline: August 8th**

**Ambassador Interviews: August 15th**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Age on December 31st \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Member Email Address

Member Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Member Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Cell Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Create a packet of all written documents required (see following page) and attach to this cover sheet. Give the whole packet to your club CCL who will review and certify your involvement. Your CCL will need to complete the bottom portion of this cover sheet. Complete applications (including this form and the components listed above) are due to the Stanislaus County 4-H Office by **August 8th** . Incomplete applications will not be considered for evaluation. Send to:

Stanislaus County 4-H

3800 Cornucopia Way, Ste A

Modesto, CA 95358

Phone: (209) 525-6801

***By signing below, I certify that the applicant has provided the required application documentation and that, to the best of my knowledge, they meet all the qualifying criteria to apply for a 4-H County Ambassador.***

Signature of Community Club Leader\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Adult \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**4-H County Ambassador Application**

**Requirements**

1. **Essays:** In a complete essay, use the following prompts**.**  (Essay should be between 500 and 700 words).
   * Why do you want to become a 4-H County Ambassador?
   * What do you hope to gain from your Ambassador experience?
   * What do you hope to give to 4-H from you Ambassador experience?

1. **Resume:** Highlighting leadership and citizenship skills, as well as personal and professional development. Find the template here: [*Resume* *Template*](https://ucdavis.app.box.com/s/4smrl5t2raajcrqxvtz2fu7ayosrkstj)
   * Resume
2. **Written Evidence of Leadership Experience and Skills**

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* + Mastery of a project as demonstrated by at least 6 hours of instruction. Provide a statement of what project skills you have mastered. A signed project APR may be used in this area.
  + A list of 40 hours of significant leadership roles, either inside or outside of 4-H
  + A list of 30 hours of citizenship and/or community service, either inside or outside of 4-H
  + 10 public speaking engagements, at least 2 of those given at a 4-H event
  + Demonstrate involvement in 4-H as evidenced by a list of activities that are a combination of 15 of the following: project skill activities, 4-H events attended, and honors/recognition.

\*\*\*Definitions for these categories are found in the Record Book Manual under the section describing the Personal Development Report (PDR). Completing a PDR is not an application requirement for County Ambassador, but it may be used to complete the above requirements.

1. **Three (3) Letters of Recommendation:** 
   * One letter from a 4-H youth member.
   * Two letters from adults who have knowledge of your leadership experience, skills and character. At least one of the letters must be from a 4-H adult who has knowledge of your skills and character demonstrated in the 4-H Youth Development Program.
   * Recommendations may not be from a parent/guardian, sibling or other family member residing in the same household as the applicant

**County Ambassador Evaluation Rubric**

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| **Essays** | | | |  | |
| **Criteria** | **Poor (0 point)** | **Average (1 points)** | **Good (2 points)** | **Excellent (3 points)** |  |
| **Interest in County**  **Ambassador**  **Program** | Applicant shows no interest in serving as a County Ambassador | Applicant shows interest in program but provides no reasons or goals | Applicant shows clear interest in County  Ambassador program and  outlines goals | Applicant shows passion for county 4-H program and leadership; details appropriate goals in essays |  |
| **Resume** | | | |  | |
| **Criteria** | **Poor (0 point)** | **Average (1 points)** | **Good (2 points)** | **Excellent (3 points)** |  |
| **Demonstrates**  **Involvement in 4-H** | Resume does not document examples of leadership, citizenship, or personal/professional development | Resume documents at least 1 entry each for leadership, citizenship, and personal/professional development | Resume documents at least  2 entries each for leadership, citizenship, and personal/professional development | Resume documents at  least 3 entries each for leadership, citizenship, and personal/professional development |  |
| **Evidence of Skills and Character (Documentation and Letters of Recommendation)** | | | |  | |
| **Criteria** | **Poor (0 point)** | **Average (1 points)** | **Good (2 points)** | **Excellent (3 points)** |  |
| **Leadership Skills & Character** | Documentation does not meet the criteria and references do NOT  recommend the  applicant for this position | Documentation meets the criteria and references recommend the applicant for the position citing minimal reasoning | Documentation meets the criteria and references recommend applicant which generally support their professionalism, skills and character | Documentation meets the criteria and references highly recommend and cite specific examples in support of professionalism, skills and character |  |
| **Individual Interview** | | | |  | |
| **Criteria** | **Poor (0 point)** | **Average (1 points)** | **Good (2 points)** | **Excellent (3 points)** |  |
| **The 6 Cs** (confidence, competence,  character, caring, connection, contribution) | Applicant shows little to no indication of development of any of the 6 Cs | Applicant shows some indication in the development of one or two of the 6 Cs, evidence is weak | Applicant shows clear indication in the development of 3 or more of the 6 Cs | Applicant shows strong indication in the development of 4 or more of the 6 Cs |  |
| **Presentation** | | | |  | |
| **Criteria** | **Poor (0 point)** | **Average (1 points)** | **Good (2 points)** | **Excellent (3 points)** |  |
| **Program**  **Knowledge &**  **Presentation Ability** | Inadequate information; unorganized; volume, pronunciation or vocal variation needs improvement; body language or gestures need improvement | Adequate knowledge of subject; logical progression; voice and language are adequate; closing is clear and organized | In-depth knowledge of subject; skill and creativity in organization; voice and language are effective; businesslike and personable conduct; closing well organized | Full subject knowledge; strong structure that enhances effect of the presentation; volume, tone, timing, inflection, and language enhance presentation; professional and personable demeanor |  |

Stanislaus County 4-H Program

TENTATIVE 4-H COUNTY AMBASSADOR SCHEDULE

***NOTE: must help facilitate 3 events in addition to the required events.***

***Dates and times of events to be announced.***

**\*Events are mandatory**

September **\*Leadership Training Day – teach officer sessions**

October **\*Introduction as County Ambassadors at Awards Night**

December Creed Contest / Job Interview:

-may be asked to evaluate primary members

-serve as emcee if asked.

March County Presentation Day:

-serve as room host or room chair if needed

-present awards and emcee event

April Creative Arts Skills Day:

-serve as emcee for event if there is not a youth chair in place to do so.

-assist where needed, if asked by event chairman.

Regional Presentation Day:

May State Field Day

July Present Awards at the Stanislaus County Fair Awards Ceremony

Attend State Leadership Conference

October **\*Induct new Ambassadors & bid farewell at Awards Night**

*Any other county/regional/state 4-H event may be counted with Ambassador Committee approval*

*Ambassadors will be asked to speak and promote the 4-H program at club meetings.*

**Thereafter…**

***“Once an Ambassador, always an Ambassador”***