

Douglas County 4-H Ambassador Application

Return this application and a letter of recommendation to:

Douglas County Extension Office

By: October 1, 2026

Ambassadors should be interested in public speaking, presenting to groups, and sharing their 4-H experiences with others. To qualify as a 4-H Ambassador, applicants must:

- Be in ninth grade or above and demonstrate a commitment to continued growth and leadership through 4-H.
- Have completed two or more years of 4-H, demonstrating sustained engagement in the program.
- Be willing to share their 4-H experience and serve as a positive representative of 4-H by giving presentations about the program each year.
- Participate in an interview to discuss their application, experiences, strengths, and goals.
- Give a prepared speech on either *“What 4-H Has Meant to Me”* or *“Someone Who Has Influenced My Life for the Better,”* providing an opportunity to demonstrate communication skills and reflect on personal growth.
- Have the support and written recommendation of an authorized adult who can speak to the applicant's character, leadership, engagement, and readiness to serve as a 4-H Ambassador. *

The Ambassador experience provides youth with opportunities to develop leadership and communication skills, build meaningful relationships, strengthen their sense of belonging and purpose, and demonstrate their ability to contribute to their communities—key elements of the 4-H Beyond Ready framework.

***Authorized adults** who may provide approval and recommendations include a County Extension Agent, 4-H Program Assistant, County Volunteer Ambassador Coordinator, 4-H Leader, or School Teacher. Parents are not considered authorized adults for this requirement, even if they serve as the youth's 4-H Leader.

Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____ 4-H Club _____

Grade in school _____ Years in 4-H _____ High School _____

4-H Projects _____

1. What leadership experiences have you had through 4-H or other activities? Describe a leadership experience that helped you grow or develop a skill.
2. As a 4-H Ambassador, how would you like to contribute to and make a positive difference in the Douglas County 4-H Program?
3. How has 4-H helped you grow as a person? Describe one or two experiences, skills, or relationships that have been especially meaningful to you.
4. What are your strengths, interests, and talents? How could you use these as a 4-H Ambassador?
5. What activities, organizations, or experiences are you involved in outside of 4-H? What have you learned or gained from these experiences?
6. 4-H Ambassadors are expected to represent 4-H by speaking to groups, giving presentations, attending 4-H events, and sharing their 4-H experiences with others. How do you feel about public speaking and presenting to groups, and how will you make the time commitment needed to fulfill the Ambassador role?
7. What is one skill, goal, or area of personal growth you would like to develop through your experience as a 4-H Ambassador? How do you think serving as a 4-H Ambassador could help you prepare for your future?

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



Youth Leadership Team Application-Recommendation Form



Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Evaluator: _____

Evaluator Address: _____

Evaluator City, State, Zip: _____

Circle One: Extension Staff 4-H Volunteer High School/College Instructor Other: _____

Evaluator, please rate the applicant on the following (0-unknown, 1-disagree, 2-agree to 3-strongly agree). Each evaluator should place the completed form in a sealed envelope with the applicant's name on the front and the evaluator's signature across the seal. Envelopes should be returned to the 4-H member for attachment to the application.

Leadership; Teamwork; Volunteerism

	Unknown	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Ability to work w/different and diverse audiences (i.e. adults, younger children, ethnic groups, etc.)	0	1	2	3
Does fair share of work on join projects	0	1	2	3
Serves as an appropriate role model for peers and younger youth	0	1	2	3
Communicates ideas effectively	0	1	2	3
Ability to get others to work together	0	1	2	3
Volunteers to assist; carries through w/responsibilities; knows when to say "no"	0	1	2	3

Citizenship

Willingness to work with others, regardless of diversity within a group	0	1	2	3
Participates in activities involving issues of local importance	0	1	2	3
Takes a stand on issues that applicant believes in	0	1	2	3
Involvement in community service activities	0	1	2	3

Professionalism

Attitude (i.e. positive, professional, not arrogant)	0	1	2	3
Appearance (neat, well-groomed)	0	1	2	3
Accepts/completes work assignments	0	1	2	3
Exhibits enthusiasm in regard to increasing knowledge of subject matter	0	1	2	3
Use proper etiquette	0	1	2	3
Exhibits appropriate behavior in public venues	0	1	2	3

Please add any additional comments regarding this applicant on the reverse side.

Signature of Evaluator: _____ Date: _____