

CATEGORY: (4-H TEEN LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY)
SUBMIT: COMPLETED OHIO 4-H AMBASSADOR APPLICATION FORM
TO: STATE 4-H OFFICE
BY: FEBRUARY 6, 2012

STATE 4-H AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Background and Purpose: The State 4-H Ambassadors program is a program designed to:

1) recognize 4-H teens who have achieved high standards of excellence in their 4-H program or project work, in community service and citizenship, and in leadership; 2) provide Ohio teens with opportunities and experiences to enhance their knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations in leadership, citizenship and service, communications and public relations, scholarship, and related areas of interest and need; 3) enable teens to serve as 4-H spokespersons to develop internal and external 4-H partnerships of mutual benefit, and to update elected and appointed officials, the media, state associations, donor groups, civic groups, parents, volunteers, and others on 4-H developments; 4) strengthen Ohio 4-H teen programs; 5) provide meaningful opportunities, for teens, to be actively involved and valued as equal partners in defining, developing, implementing, diversifying, and improving 4-H youth development education in Ohio; and 6) involve teens in expanding 4-H marketing and promotion and in managing the Ohio 4-H image to ensure compatibility with our vision, mission, and values.

Selection Procedures and Criteria: All Ohio 4-H'ers are eligible who: a) are a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior on January 1 of the current year; b) have achieved the standards of excellence outlined as criteria for the program; c) are approved by their county Extension Professional (Educator, Program Assistant, or Staff) as an excellent representative for Ohio 4-H; d) have a permanent residence in Ohio during the time they wish to serve as an Ambassador; and e) have not previously been an Ohio 4-H Ambassador.

To apply for this opportunity, members need to complete a State 4-H Ambassadors application form (according to the directions in the form), include 2 recommendations (using the recommendation forms supplied) and submit it to your local Extension Office before the county deadline (*check with your county Extension Office*). Nominations must be submitted from the local Extension Office to the State 4-H Office by February 6th 2012.

Selections will be confirmed by the State 4-H Ambassador Review Committee based on the applicants ability to communicate their achievements in the areas of 4-H work, participation, citizenship, teaching leadership, office and committee leadership, and leadership and service other than 4-H. All 4-H teens meeting the requirements for standards of excellence and have been approved by their county Extension professional as an excellent representative of the Ohio 4-H Youth Development program will be considered for a State 4-H Ambassador position. This is an appointed position based on applications that are received and applicants that impress upon the selection committee that they are able to serve as a role model and good will ambassador for Ohio 4-H will be selected. The current Ambassador program is a one year commitment however there are discussions as to extending the program to a two year commitment. If you are interested in a two year appointment, please indicate so in the section provided on the application. If you are unsure about this, check undecided and you can make a final determination during your first year of service.

Orientation and Installation Program: State 4-H Ambassador applicants who are selected by the State 4-H Ambassador Leadership Committee as excellent representatives of the Ohio 4-H Youth Development Program will be invited to become State 4-H Ambassadors and attend the State 4-H Ambassador Orientation and Installation Program on **Saturday, March 10th** at the Ohio 4-H Teen Conference at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. **Ambassador candidates will need to register for the Teen Conference and pay the registration fee through their County OSU Extension Office.** Registration may be due prior to receiving your acceptance letter for the Ambassador program. The orientation will be during the morning sessions of the Ohio 4-H Teen Conference. Additionally newly selected Ambassadors will be asked to participate in other sessions that will help in the development of their leadership skills. Ohio 4-H Teen Conference sessions will be selected by the State Ambassador Advisory Team for the ambassadors to select from.

NOTE: Participate in two **MANDATORY** leadership training sessions scheduled for **March 31, 2012 and April 14, 2012** to be held at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. **THESE ARE NOT OPTIONAL.** If you have participated or registered to participate in the Buckeye Leadership workshop in 2012 (www.BuckeyeLeadership.com) or if you have participated in the State 4-H Leadership Camp within the last 2 years, provisions may be made for one of the two required sessions at the discretion of the State 4-H Ambassador Advisory Team.

After representing Ohio 4-H as State 4-H Ambassadors; active Ambassadors who complete the program requirements will be recognized and receive "Graduate Ambassador" status.

2012 ENDORSEMENT of OHIO 4-H AMBASSADOR APPLICATION

I have reviewed the state ambassador program application and believe it to be accurate. This application has my endorsement and support in applying and potentially serving as a State Ambassador for Ohio 4-H.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of 4-H Leader/Advisor: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of County Extension Professional*: _____ **Date:** _____

(*County Extension Professional: Educator, Program Assistant or Staff in county office who can attest to the student as an active 4-H member in good standing)

By signing this application I agree to the expectations for the Ohio 4-H Ambassador Program. I also agree to attend the two mandatory leadership training sessions scheduled for March 31st and April 14th, 2012.

Applicants Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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STATE OFFICE USE:

2012 OHIO 4-H AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDATION FORM 1

Applicant Name: _____ County: _____

Please have two of these forms completed: One by a 4-H professional (Extension Educator, program assistant, or staff member/designee in the county extension office) and the other by a 4-H advisor, someone at your school or church, etc. that can speak to your abilities in a leadership role.

Please rate the applicant on the following qualities with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest. If you have specific comments regarding a rating on a question please place those in the comment section for each questions asked. General comments can be added above signature.

How reliable is the applicant?	1	2	3	4	5
<i>Comments:</i>					
How would you rate the applicant's verbal communication skills?	1	2	3	4	5
<i>Comments:</i>					
How would you rate the applicant's written communication skills?	1	2	3	4	5
<i>Comments:</i>					
Does the applicant give timely responses to emails, phone calls, etc.?	1	2	3	4	5
<i>Comments:</i>					
In public situations is the applicant's behavior appropriate?	1	2	3	4	5
<i>Comments:</i>					
Is the applicant motivated and helpful?	1	2	3	4	5
<i>Comments:</i>					

General comments:

Reference Information:

Print Name: _____ Title or Affiliation: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Reference Information:

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____