



## Merced County 4-H County Ambassador Application

### Who is County Ambassador?

An individual who:

- Has demonstrated leadership abilities, project achievements, citizenship concern, and maturity of judgement in a variety of situations at and beyond the club level.
- Exhibits a strong interest in continuing in the Merced County 4-H Youth Development Program and has specific ideas as to ways in which he or she can provide guidance and leadership to some component of Merced County 4-H Youth Development Program.
- Recognizes the opportunities and responsibilities of Merced County 4-H Ambassador and is receptive to new ideas and new challenges.

### Qualifications:

- 1) Applicant must be between 14 – 18 years old and meet the 4-H membership requirements for the length of the term of service.
- 2) Applicant must have completed at least one year of membership in 4-H prior to the year of application. Membership does not have to be the most recent consecutive year.
- 3) Applicant must have demonstrated leadership experience and skills. To ensure that the position of County Ambassador is open to 4-H members in all program delivery modes (community club, afterschool club, SPIN club, summer camp, etc.).

### **Responsibilities of Merced County 4-H Ambassadors may include:**

- Coordinate, plan and conduct Achievement Day
- Plan and carry out a Community Service Project
- Attend a 4-H county/state leadership conference or workshop
- Lead the planning and coordination of a countywide event
- Conduct club officer installation
- Assist with countywide events
  - o Officers Retreat
  - o 4-H Expo
  - o Communications Day
  - o Fishing Derby
  - o Skills Days
  - o Food Fashion and Fun
  - o Others

### **Also is required to:**

- Review and agree to 18 month action calendar with the County Ambassador Advisor and attend scheduled meetings
- Dress appropriately when serving as a County Ambassador Candidate per 4-H Dress Code



## Merced County 4-H

### County Ambassador Application Cover Sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club/Unit/Program \_\_\_\_\_

Age on December 31<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Create a packet of all written documents required (see next page) and attach to this cover sheet. Give the whole packet to club organizational leader or a project leader who will review and certify your involvement and ask them to complete the bottom portion of this cover sheet.

Complete applications (including this form and the components listed above) are due to the Merced County 4-H Office by April 15. Incomplete applications will not be considered for evaluation.

***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.***

County Ambassador Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## Merced County 4-H County Ambassador Application Requirements

### 1. Please answer the following questions:

- ☐ Why do you want to become a 4-H County Ambassador?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ☐ What do you hope to gain from your County Ambassador experience?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ☐ What do you hope to give to 4-H from you County Ambassador experience?

### Please (briefly) outline your leadership and citizenship activities in 4-H:

- ☐ Leadership
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ☐ Citizenship



## 2. Three (3) Letters of Recommendation:

- ☐ Three letters from adults who have knowledge of your leadership experience, skills and character. At least two 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***



## 4-H County Ambassador Recommendation Form

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECOMMENDER:** Please review this form and read the County Ambassador Job Description before completing form. Please complete this form and give to the member in a sealed envelope with your signature across the envelope flap. **Completed applications must be turned in by the member by April 15<sup>th</sup>.** This is to be completed by a non-family member. Your honest opinion is important to the county-wide 4-H Program. Having the highest rating does not mean the applicant will receive a better chance. The program sees potential leaders that are open to learning and desire to make a difference in the community. Thank You.

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How long have you known the applicant?** \_\_\_\_\_

**If applicable, what is your role in 4-H?**

☐ 4-H Community/Co Community Club Leader ☐ 4-H Adult Volunteer

**How do you know the applicant?** \_\_\_\_\_

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unknown
<b>4-H Program Participation</b> <i>How active is the applicant in the 4-H Program? Consider participation in 4-H projects, club activities, roles taken, etc.</i>					
<b>Community Service</b> <i>Think about what community service projects/ activities applicant has participate. Consider outside 4-H program activities as well.</i>					
<b>Citizenship</b> <i>Consider what the applicant has contributed to the community that shows his/her better understanding of how to be a productive and positive citizen of the city, county and or country.</i>					
<b>Leadership</b> <i>What has applicant demonstrated that shows he/she is a leader? This can be taking a main or supporting role that shows initiative and decisive decision making.</i>					
<b>Well Rounded and able to contribute</b> <i>Is the applicant knowledgeable, skilled, capable enough to be an All Star?</i>					
<b>Involvement in School, community activities</b> <i>How has the applicant participated in school and/or community activities?</i>					
<b>Maturity</b> <i>What level of maturity does the applicant portray? How well will he/ she work with a teen leadership team?</i>					

Provide any other statements to support your ratings above: \_\_\_\_\_

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I recommend this candidate: ☐ Highly ☐ Average ☐ Low ☐ Not This Time

Print Name

Signature

Date