



2024-2025 Sonoma County 4-H All Star Ambassador (ASA) Program

Applications Due April 11, 2024, by 4:00 pm TO THE 4-H OFFICE



4-H All Star Ambassador serves in the highest 4-H leadership role in Sonoma County 4-H. The 4-H Ambassador rank not only recognizes a member's leadership abilities, but it is also a working honor. 4-H Ambassadors are liaisons between the county 4-H office, 4-H members and volunteers, and the public. They visit 4-H clubs in their county, network with other organizations within the community, and represent their county at the annual 4-H State Leadership Conference. 4-H Ambassadors are role models for their fellow 4-H members and their community. 4-H Ambassadors develop a plan of action to strengthen the 4-H program and their community. 4-H County Ambassadors is a statewide program with a long and proud history.

Time Commitment: 12 months, from May 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025.

Qualifications

- Candidates must be at least 14 years old on or before January 1, 2024
- Candidates must be eligible to be a 4-H youth member from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, the 2024-2025 program year. See 4-H membership policies.
- Candidates must have completed at least one year of membership in 4-H.
- Candidates must have demonstrated leadership experience and skills. This may be demonstrated either through a Gold Star or through mastery of a project as demonstrated by at least 6 hours of instruction, 40 hours of significant leadership roles, 30 hours of citizenship and/ or community service, and 10 public speaking engagements. Having a gold star is NOT a requirement. Completing a 4-H Record Book is NOT a requirement.

Responsibilities of the All Star Ambassador:

- **Advise:** Participate and be involved in 4-H decision-making through the Sonoma County 4-H Council and the UCCE 4-H Office; represent youth on the Sonoma County 4-H Council (one designated seat on the 4-H Council Executive Committee); and help the UCCE 4-H Office make program priorities.
- **Improve:** Select a community issue and make a plan to improve the situation; develop a plan of action to help strengthen the 4-H program and/or community.
- **Mentor:** Act as a role model to 4-H members; install 4-H club officers; be integral part of county officer's training event; host a 4-H leadership development event for younger members.
- **Plan:** Support County 4-H events in key roles such as: parade marshals, emcee, plan, and coordinate events, and serve as evaluators. A 4-H Ambassador's first priority is to hold a position of leadership while present at community events to exemplify their capacity to act as a role model and 4-H program representative.
- **Promote:** Present a positive image of 4-H; act as a 4-H Ambassador; represent 4-H to outside organizations.
- **Teach:** Lead workshops or sessions at club, county, area, and state events.
- **Learn:** Improve your own leadership abilities. Attend the 4-H State Leadership Conference (typically July or August at a UC campus); financial support provided by the Sonoma County 4-H Council. Attend other regional or state 4-H conferences, like the Youth Summit.
- **Be an active contributor to the 4-H County Ambassador program.** Follow the 4-H Code of Conduct, be a member in good standing, and be active contributors to the functions of the 4-H County Ambassador team. Wear 4-H attire and/or Ambassador attire at 4-H functions.

Participation and Attendance Expectations

1. Adhere to team commitments, developed by and agreed-to by the entire 4-H All Star Ambassador team at the beginning of the term.
2. Attend at least 80% of regularly planned 4-H All Star Ambassador team meetings.
3. Required participation (in official ASA uniform):
 - 4-H Open House & Chicken Que (May 5, 2024)
 - Plan and implement 4-H Achievement Night October 26, 2024
 - Coordinate at least one team service project; and participate in at least two other team service projects.
 - 4-H Open House & Chicken Que (May 4, 2025)
4. Participate in at least two additional leadership roles at a county event of your choice.
5. Participate in at least three community service activities of your choice.
6. Attend and present updates at all CCC meetings (in official ASA uniform) during the term.

Failure to attend at least 80% of team meetings and/or participate in the required activities named above may result in forfeiting the rank of All Star Ambassador.



2024-2025 All Star Ambassador Advisors:

- Sara Glashan skglashan@gmail.com
- Stefanie Stornetta sassy74129@comcast.net



Leadership Menu

Ambassador roles are presented through a variety of different activities and events. The following list is an overview of the possible opportunities an Ambassador can choose from but is not limited to.

Year-round opportunities: Club visits, 4-H outreach & communications.

Month	Event	Role/Opportunity
May	4-H Open House & Chicken Que	Present at Event, Emcee, Parade Marshall
July	SCFB Love of the Land	Leadership Role
	State 4-H Leadership Conference	Promote
August	Officer Installation	Leadership Role
	YAL Foundation BBQ	Leadership Role
September	Service-Learning Project	Plan and implement
October	National 4-H Week	Promote
	Achievement Night	Plan and implement
November	VOM Children's Home	Plan and implement
December		
January	Youth Summit	Participant
February	Presentation Day	Planning Committee Member
	Livestock Judging	Planning Committee Member
	SCFB Crab Feed	Leadership Role
March	SCFB Ag Days	Host a booth
April	Area Presentation Day	Leadership Role
	Fashion Revue	Planning Committee Member
	National 4-H Conference	Participant
May	4-H Open House & Chicken Que	Present at Event, Emcee, Parade Marshall
	State Field Day	Leadership Role
July	Citizen & Leadership Washington Focus	Participant

2024-2025 Sonoma County 4-H County Ambassador Application

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Application

New and Returning Candidates must deliver a completed application packet to the UCCE 4-H Office by **April 11, 2024 at 4:00 pm**. Incomplete applications will not be moved forward in the selection process.

Completed and Required application elements include the following:

- ☐ Application Cover Sheet (***New and Returning***)
- ☐ Essay response to questions on the application (***New and Returning***)
- ☐ Resume highlighting leadership and citizenship skills as well as personal and professional development. (***New and Returning***)
- ☐ Written Evidence of Leadership Experience and Skills (***New and Returning***)
- ☐ Three sealed Letters of Recommendation (***New Candidate only***)

Send or hand-deliver applications to:

UCCE Sonoma 4-H

Attn: All Star Advisors

133 Aviation Blvd, Ste 109

Santa Rosa, CA 95403-8279

Candidate Selection Event

April 17, 2024, 6:00 pm to 9:00 PM, YAL Center, Rohnert Park

All prospective candidates (new and returning) must attend the All Star Ambassador selection event. Candidates must be present for the entire evening, which starts at 6:00 pm and concludes following each candidate's interview. On the application cover sheet page, please indicate any requests or food allergies. The dress code is business casual. The event entails the following:

1. Dinner provided to the candidates and judges. The judges will rotate during the meal to share time with all candidates and get to know them.
2. Prepared Speech of 3-5 minutes. Please communicate any A/V needs prior. Select one of the seven All Star Ambassador Responsibilities (Advise, Improve, Mentor, Plan, Promote, Teach and Learn) and discuss which responsibility you are most passionate about and why. Prepared speech is required for all candidates - new and returning.
3. Individual Interviews will be conducted by the judges panel for each candidate following the meal.
4. Following the interview, the selection process is complete. Each candidate will be notified in writing of their acceptance or denial as an All Star Ambassador.

Selection Committee: Candidates will be evaluated by a panel including 4-H volunteers and representatives of the community-at-large.

Notification: All applicants will be notified of their selection status by April 30, 2024.



2024-2025 Sonoma County 4-H All Star Ambassador Application Cover Sheet

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After submitting your application, please send a notification of submission email to:
skglashan@gmail.com and sassy74129@comcast.net

Name: _____

Club/Program: _____ Age on January 1, 2024 _____

Birthdate: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Home Address: _____

Member email address: _____

Member Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Instructions: Create a packet of all written documents required (see next page) and attach to this cover sheet. Give the packet to an adult who must review and certify your involvement and ask them to complete the bottom portion of this cover sheet. Application packet due to the UCCE Sonoma County 4-H Office by **April 11, 2024 by 4:00 pm**. *Incomplete applications will not be moved forward in the selection process.*

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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 All Star Ambassador.

Signature of Certifying Adult _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Adult _____

Role/Title _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Name of Organization (if other than 4-H) _____

- ☐ I am a first time applicant.
- ☐ I am a prospective continuing All Star Ambassador



2024-2025 Sonoma County 4-H All Star Ambassador Application Requirements

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1. Essay:

New Applicant - Respond to the following prompts:

(Maximum 1000 words single-spaced; size 12-point font)

- Why do you want to become a Sonoma County 4-H All Star Ambassador?
- What community service would you like to bring to the 4-H community as a 4-H Ambassador and why?
- How would you help promote and build a strong 4-H program as a 4-H Ambassador?
- How will you prioritize your All Star Ambassador Team commitments with your other scholastic and extracurricular activities?

Returning All Star - Respond to the following prompts:

(Maximum 1000 words single-spaced; size 12-point font)

- What did you take away from your experience as an All Star this year?
- If selected to continue, how can you build on that experience?
- What assets do you bring to the new All Star team?
- What do you think worked last year and what would you do differently in the upcoming year?

2. Resume: (New and Returning)

Highlighting leadership and citizenship skills, as well as personal and professional development. Find a template at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Member_Resources/4-H_Resumes/

- Achievement of a Gold Star Rank as evidenced by the signed and dated Star Rank Chart or other documentation that verifies you have achieved this rank.

OR

- Mastery of a project as demonstrated by at least 6 hours of instruction. Provide a statement of what project skills you have mastered.
- 40 hours of significant leadership roles, either inside or outside of 4-H.
- 30 hours of citizenship and/or community service, either inside or outside of 4-H. • 10 public speaking engagements, at least 2 of those must have been 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 three 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 All Star Ambassador

4. Three (3) sealed Letters of Recommendation: (New only)

- 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. The letters should describe in detail what the writer knows about the applicant's work ethic, character, leadership experience, and why they deserve to be selected. Recommendations may not be from a parent/guardian, sibling, or other family members.