

Shasta County 4-H

Jr. Ambassador

Due: Friday, August 9, 2024

A maximum of four 4-H members will be selected annually to be Shasta County 4-H Jr. Ambassadors. Members will be selected based on their outstanding project work, leadership, and community service.

The Jr. Ambassador Team assists the current Ambassador Team in carrying out their county leadership roles.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE Jr. AMBASSADOR TEAM

1. Work together as a team along with the Ambassadors to represent the Shasta County 4-H Program. The Jr. Ambassador Team will represent 4-H at civic and community affairs to share experiences and promote 4-H, as requested.
2. It is **mandatory** that each member of the Jr. Ambassador Team help with the annual Valley Achievement event. At this event you will receive recognition as a Jr. Ambassador Team member.
3. The Jr. Ambassador Team is highly encouraged to help with the Achievement Night for the Inter-Mountain 4-H program and any other Inter-Mountain 4-H event the member may be able to attend.
4. The Jr. Ambassador Team will help the Ambassadors, as needed, at two (2) or more of the following countywide events: 4-H Achievement & Family Kick Off Day, Club Officer Training Day, Valley Livestock Judging Day, Junior and Teen Leadership Training Lock-in, Favorite Foods Day, Presentation Day, and Shasta County Field Day.
5. Assist the Ambassadors with Officer Installation, if requested to do so.
6. The Jr. Ambassador Team will:
 - Hold meetings as needed to help promote the Shasta County 4-H Program.
 - Help at officer trainings, presentation trainings, or record book trainings when requested.
 - Maintain good communication with the Ambassadors.
7. Attendance at that Shasta County Council Meetings, held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Shasta 4-H Office, is encouraged.

QUALIFICATIONS

All 4-H members who have met the following requirements are eligible to apply for the Jr. Ambassador Team:

1. In the 7th grade, or higher, during the current 4-H program year.
2. Are currently enrolled in the Shasta County 4-H program.
3. Have completed one or more program years of 4-H.

4. Have earned a Bronze Star rank or have written evidence of leadership experience skills.
5. Have completed one or more years as a Junior or Teen Leader.
6. Have submitted the Jr. Ambassador application to the Shasta County 4-H office by the deadline.
7. Complete the interview process. You will be notified of the interview date.

APPLICATION

Submit your complete application packet to the Shasta County 4-H office by **Friday, August 9, 2024**

The application packet includes all of the following:

- Jr. Ambassador Application & Checklist
- Jr. Ambassador Outline of 4-H Activities
- Jr. Ambassador Essay Questions
- Two letters of recommendation. One letter of recommendation shall be submitted from your community leader and one from an adult volunteer. Letters of recommendation must be in sealed envelopes with your name written on the envelope.

INTERVIEW

You will be required to attend an in-person interview with a panel of judges which includes the current Ambassador team. Once all applications have been received the date of the interview will be determined and you will be notified.

Shasta County 4-H Youth Development Program

2024-2025 Jr. Ambassador Team

Application and Checklist

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Club: _____ Total Years in 4-H: _____

____ **Yes**, I have earned the Bronze Star or have written evidence of leadership experience skills.

- Mastery of a project as demonstrated by at least six hours of instructions.
Provide a statement of what skills you have mastered.
 - 10 hours of significant leadership roles, either inside or outside of 4-H.
 - 10 hours of citizenship and/or community service, either inside or outside of 4-H.
 - A total of four 4-H presentations.
 - Demonstrate involvement in 4-H, as evidenced by providing a list of five activities you have engaged in from the following categories (as described in the Record Book Manual):
 - Project Skills Activities
 - 4-H Events Attended
 - Honors and Recognition
- OR**
- Achievement of a Bronze Star Rank as evidenced by providing a copy of the signed and dated Star Rank chart, or other appropriate documentation which verifies this achievement.

____ **Yes**, I will be in the 7th grade or above during the 4-H year 2024-2025 Program Year

____ **Yes**, I have completed one or more program years of 4-H

____ **Yes**, I have completed one or more years of Junior or Teen Leader

____ **Yes**, I have two letters of recommendation: one letter from my community leader and one letter from a 4-H adult volunteer.

____ **Yes**, I know the following items are due by **August 9, 2024**, to the Shasta County 4-H office

- Application Checklist (this paper)
- Outline of Current 4-H Activities i.e., projects, events, etc.
- Application - Essay questions
- Two Letters of Recommendation from the following:
 - 4-H Club community leader (not a parent)
 - 4-H adult volunteer of your choice (not a parent)

____ **Yes**, I will assume the responsibility to double check with the Shasta County 4-H office to ensure my letters of recommendation have been received, if they are not attached to my application in a sealed envelope.

____ **Yes**, I will be responsible to attend my interview.

____ **Yes**, I have read the Jr. Ambassador Team Selection Procedures and will accept all the responsibilities, if selected.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 4-H Club Leader: _____ Date: _____

Jr. Ambassador Team Application Outline of Current 4-H Activities

Name: _____

Please list your 4-H involvement. You may use additional pages, if needed.

1. What is/are your current 4-H projects (s)? Please provide specific details.
2. List the 4-H events you have attended this year.
3. What leadership roles have you held at the club level, the county level and outside of 4-H this year?
4. What community service projects have you participated in this year?
5. What recognition (honors and rewards) have you received in and out of 4-H?

Jr. Ambassador Team Application Essay Question

Name: _____

Instructions: In short essay form, please address each of the following questions:

1. Why do you want to be a member of the Jr. Ambassador Team?

2. Will you please tell us about your involvement in community and school activities?
How will you manage your Jr. Ambassador Team responsibilities with your schedule?

3. What significant experience have you had with planning a club/county event?

4. What would you do to encourage youth to join 4-H or participate in a 4-H event?

5. How many 4-H club meetings have you attended this year?

6. What presentations or prepared talks have you given this year? Were any given at any county events?

7. Please provide any other information you would like to share with the Jr. Ambassador Team Selection Committee.