

Sonoma County 4-H Program
2013-2014 All-Star Ambassador Application
Due Date: December 14, 2012
Selection Date: Sunday January 27, 2013

The Sonoma County All-Star Ambassador Program is a working honor, which provides Sonoma County 4-H members more opportunities to expand their leadership, and to serve in a variety of ways throughout Sonoma County 4-H programs.

TERM: If selected, term would be from February 2013 through May 2014, with majority of responsibilities to fall between February 2013 through February 2014.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Obtain all-star packet prior to deadline; submit complete application, and supplemental materials on time and/or prior to deadline, to the Sonoma County 4-H office.
2. Candidate must have completed at least one year in the 4-H program.
3. Candidate must be at least 15 years old or older, as of January 1st of the current year, but not older than 19 as of January 1st of the following year.
4. Candidate must have earned the rank of gold star, prior to application submittal.
5. Candidate must have reached 10th grade status.
6. Candidate and their parent/guardian will read and sign all-star ambassador contract agreement.
7. Candidate must be enrolled in following 4-H year to complete term of service.

SPONSORSHIP:

CCC helps to provide limited financial sponsorship of the all-star team and advisor (s), when available and within their budgeting. Further support is obtained through fund-raising efforts. Leadership conference expenses are partially funded through Sonoma County 4-H Foundation.

ALL STAR AMBASSADOR RESPONSIBILITIES

All-Star Ambassadors work with the 4-H youth advisor, 4-H program representative, all-star advisor, and must be available to do the following:

Serve as an active participant, providing a link between 4-H members, clubs, and council. Represent 4-H at various levels, not only within their club, but at county, sectional, and state. Unless conflicting with Sonoma County Fair, attend state leadership conference. Be prepared to install officers, and be integral part of county officer's training event. Host all-star selection for the following year. Complete all pre and post work to allow for hosting Sonoma County Achievement Event. Be willing and able to assist at county presentation day, and other county events as needed.

Serve as a positive role model; be receptive to new ideas and challenges and promote 4-H, setting a good example for younger members. Represent 4-H to outside organizations when called upon. View the all star ambassador rank, not as an award, but as a new responsibility and learning experience. Be prepared to financially support the all-star ambassador work and responsibilities.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Completed youth application packets must include the following:

- Application Cover Sheet
- Signature Page
- Resume
- Responses to essay questions
- Three letters of Recommendation, one from each of the three bullets listed:
 - 4-H staff, 4-H community club leader, project leader.
 - Non 4-H individual (not related to applicant)
 - 4-H member or recent alumni, not over age 21.
- Photo attached to cover sheet.
- Record book (optional)

Letters may not be from any family member or fellow candidate. Letters need to be included with completed application packet.

INTERVIEW, PRESENTATION, AND LUNCH PROCESSES:

A schedule of the selection day activities will be given to each candidate prior to selection day.

Candidates must attend all-star ambassador selection day, to be considered a viable candidate. On the application cover sheet page, please indicate any special requests, such as food allergies, etc.

The selection day dress code is business casual. Candidates must be present for the entire day, which will terminate following each specific candidate's interview. A panel of judges will conduct interviews.

A luncheon will be served to the candidates and judges. The judges will rotate during the luncheon meal to share lunch with all candidates.

An interview will be conducted for each candidate following the luncheon. The judge's panel will conduct those interviews. Following the interview the selection day process is complete. Each candidate will be notified in writing of his or her acceptance or denial, as an All-Star Ambassador.

Each candidate will participate in a presentation. **Candidate must provide own equipment for presentations.**

PRESENTATION TOPICS:

Candidates should prepare a four to five minute presentation for the judges and audience on **ONE** of the following topics. Each candidate will make one presentation only. Visual aids (props), and digital slides may be used. Evaluation will be based on basic 4-H presentation guidelines, including presentation to judges, subject knowledge, creativity, speaking abilities, eye contact, and answering of questions. Please select one of the following topics.

Presentations may not exceed six minutes, and candidates will provide own equipment to participate in presentation.

Topic One: Select a life skill from the wheel below, and relate it to 4-H, being an all star, and a 4-H experience you have enjoyed or were challenged by.

Topic Two: What is 4-H and the relevance within today’s community.

Topic Three: Using the service learning educational model, what project would you design that would incorporate service learning.



2013-2014 Sonoma County All-Star Ambassador Application Cover Sheet

(Please print this page, and hand write your responses.)

Name _____

PHOTO

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (C) _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Age (1/1/2012) _____

Male _____ Female _____ Years in 4-H _____

Club Membership _____

Special
Accommodations/allergies/vegatarian _____

If selected will you be able to attend the February CCC meeting _____?

Letters of Recommendation

4-H Adult _____ Role _____

Non-4-H Adult _____ Role _____

4-H Member _____

(not over the age of 21, not another candidate, not family member)

**2013-2014 Sonoma County All-Star Ambassador
Signature Sheet**

(Please print this page, and sign your responses.)

All-Star Ambassador Applicant _____

Parent/Guardian _____

4-H Club Leader _____

**2013-2014 Sonoma County All-Star Ambassador
Contract Agreement Signature**

As an all-star ambassador, I am aware and know of my responsibilities and consequences if I do not complete my duties as prescribed:

All Star Ambassador Applicant _____

Parent/Guardian _____

**2013-2014 Sonoma County All-Star Ambassador
Communications Agreement Signature**

As an all star ambassador, I am aware of the need to respond to communication within 48 hours of receiving the communication.

All Star Ambassador Applicant _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Resume

Please submit a resume of your skills and qualifications for being a Sonoma County All Star Ambassador. Emphasize your 4-H involvement in all areas and levels. Focus on the following: participation, leadership, citizenship, and community service in a variety of activities and experiences, both inside and outside of 4-H. Please use standard resume format.

2 page maximum, 12 pt font, 1 inch margins.

Essay Questions

Please attach sheets of paper in response to the questions. 12 pt font, 1 inch margins, and double spaced. Please put your name and page number at the top left of each page you use. Number and write the question above your response. You may use no more than 500 words per response.

Questions:

1. Describe the role you feel the adult advisors fulfill on the team. How do you plan to communicate your role expectations to the adult advisors?
2. Describe your views on commitment. As an all star ambassador, how would you balance your roles such as, school, extra curricular activities, sports, etc. How do you prioritize your schedule and can you say no or miss an activity when 4-H needs your commitment?
3. Describe an experience in your 4-H career that you believe, has helped to qualify you with the skills and characteristics needed to become an All Star.
4. Why should you be selected to be an all star and why do you desire to become an all star?

Criteria and Evaluation

The Sonoma County All-Star Ambassador program is represented by youth who are outstanding in their leadership, service to their communities, and who can represent Sonoma County 4-H. The number of youth selected are determined by the number of outstanding applicants.

Applicaton, Resume, Essays and Letters of Recommendation	40%
Presentation	20%
Interview	30%
Overall Presentation	10%
Minimum Score Needed to be Selected	80%

Submittal Instructions

Please submit all required materials, in a 3 ring binder, no larger than 1 inch wide. Please have all pages, single sided. Please submit letters of recommendation (unopened) in the pocket on the left side of the binder, or clipped to the binder. Please make sure that all letters of recommendation, have had the seal signed. Please submit completed application to the 4-H office located at 133 Aviation Blvd. Suite 109, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 Applications will not be accepted with postmark due date.

**Sonoma County 4-H Program
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Letter of Recommendation**

Name of Applicant _____

Name of Reference _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone(H) _____ (C) _____ Email _____

Relationship to Applicant 4-H Adult Non 4-H Adult Member/Alumni
(circle one)

On a scale of 1 to 5 please rank the following:
1 means no observation 2 means below average 3 means average
4 means above average 5 means outstanding

Leadership _____	Motivation _____	Group Work _____
Communication _____	Maturity _____	Respect for Others _____
Public Speaking Skills _____	Respect for teamwork _____	Organization _____
Punctuality _____	Professionalism _____	Commitment _____

Please provide narrative comments about the applicant, teamwork, leadership, and communication skills, using the back of this page, or a separate sheet of paper. Please return this page and the narrative comments in a sealed enveloped with your name written across the flap, to the candidate.

Signature
10/12

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