

Sonoma County 4-H Program
2015-2016 All Star Ambassador Application
Due Date: June 10, 2015
Selection Date: TBA

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 July 2015 through June 2016

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. 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. Further support is obtained through fund-raising efforts. Leadership conference expenses are funded in full through Sonoma County 4-H and the 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 at club meetings, act as Master or Ceremonies at 4-H Open House and Chickenque and coordinate trainings for officers and other events as needed. Plan, coordinate and host Sonoma County Achievement Night Event. Be willing and able to assist at various county events.

Serve as a positive role model; follow your passion and 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.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Completed youth application packets must include the following:

- Application Cover Sheet and 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, or project leader.
 - Non 4-H individual (not related to applicant)
 - 4-H member or recent alumni, not over age 21.

*Your letter of recommendation must include comments in relation to your teamwork, leadership and communication skills. **Must be in a sealed, signed envelope***

- 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 will be provided once applications are received.

Candidates must attend All-Star ambassador selection day, to be considered a viable candidate.

The selection day dress code is business casual. A panel of judges will conduct interviews.

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. Each candidate will make one presentation only. You may give a prepared speech, visual presentation or use any interactive presentation method you choose - 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. Presentations may not exceed six minutes, and candidates will provide own equipment to participate in presentation.

TOPIC #1 Identify and explain your view of the most significant topic you believe the 4-H Youth Development Program should address in the next 2-3 years.

TOPIC #2 Please present your favorite Community Service Learning Project and why it is important to you. Could you incorporate into the 4-H program?

TOPIC #3 What are you passionate about either in your 4-H project work or your personal lifestyle. How could you share that passion through your leadership work? Please share your passion! Be creative!

2015-2016 Sonoma County All Star Ambassador Application Cover Sheet

Name _____

PHOTO

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (C) _____

Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Age (1/1/2015) _____

Male _____ Female _____ Years in 4-H _____

Club _____

Special Accommodations/allergies/vegetarian _____

If selected, will you be able to attend the September 1, 2015 CCC meeting _____?

Letters of Recommendation

4-H Adult _____

Non-4-H Adult _____

4-H Member _____

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

**2015-2016 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 _____

**2015-2016 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. I agree to respond to all communication within 48 hours of notice:

All Star Ambassador Applicant _____

Parent/Guardian _____

**2015-2016 Sonoma County All Star
Community Leader Verification of Eligibility**

All Star candidate is a member in good standings and has met the age and gold star requirement. _____ YES _____ NO

Community Leader Signature _____

Print name: _____

Club: _____

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.

1 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 your major 4-H projects and accomplishments in your 4-H career.
2. Describe your accomplishments in citizenship and community pride demonstrated by service to the community and others through 4-H and other community service organizations.
3. Describe your outstanding accomplishments in leadership activities demonstrated by work done at the club or county and section level.
4. Name one or two accomplishments of yours that you think are most significant in helping other youth.
5. What do you expect to Learn, Contribute and Accomplish being a Sonoma County 4-H All Star?
6. Please tell us why you want to be a Sonoma County 4-H 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 is determined by the number of outstanding applicants.

Application, 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.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact Diana Stornetta at sprcrk@comcast.net

2015-2016 Sonoma County All Star Ambassador Contract Agreement

If selected to become an All Star ambassador serving Sonoma County, you will be asked to participate in the following, agree to sign this contract, and understand the consequences if you do not follow through on your assigned obligations.

1. Be prepared to attend and participate in Sonoma County 4-H events:

Community Service project (s) as a team or county event

Plan, develop, and implement Achievement Night Event

State Leadership Conference—with the exception for those youth who are exhibiting their project species at the fair, that time wise might coincide with SLC.

Fund raising...The All Star team will have a budget set by the CCC. Additional funds needed above the budgeted CCC allowance may be available from a grant to the 4-H Foundation.

There will be a quarterly attendance evaluation to make sure that the 80% commitment is being met by each individual All Star team member.

2. Consequences:

Failure to complete 80% of assigned All Star responsibilities will equate to forfeiting the rank of All Star, and may include the following.....

Repeated offenses will require you to attend a review panel of your peers, to explain why you are to remain as an All Star.

Repayment in full for all clothing items purchased for you by council.

Repayment in full for all conferences attended.

Repayment in full for all meals, activities, etc. that have been funded by All Star funds.

If you are not participating in an event, you are responsible to notify the All Star advisor prior to the event.

Parent activity and confirmation

Help at events, transportation to and from All Star functions, set up/clean up at Achievement Night, and as asked.

As a parent, I am aware and know my child's responsibilities and consequences if he/she do not complete her/his duties as prescribed.