



## 2020-2021 Sonoma County 4-H All Star Ambassador (ASA) Program

Applications Due Tuesday, March 31, 2020 by 11:59pm  
<http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/4H/For>Youth/Ambassador/>



4-H All Star Ambassadors serve 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. As Ambassadors, they serve as role models for their fellow 4-H members. 4-H Ambassadors develop a plan of action to strengthen the 4-H program and their community.

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 County Ambassadors](#) is a statewide program with a long and proud history.

**Time Commitment:** 15 months, from May 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021. This provides a four-month overlap (May to August 2020) with the outgoing 4-H Ambassador team.

### Qualifications

- Candidates must be at least 14 years old on or before December 31, 2020.
- Candidates must be eligible to be a 4-H youth member from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, the 2020-2021 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.*

### Reapplying as a continuing 4-H All Star Ambassador

Youth who have previously served as a Sonoma County Ambassador are encouraged to continue their leadership development. The application process for a returning Ambassador is to complete the application cover sheet, no additional documents or steps are required. Notification of acceptance will be sent by April 22, 2020.

### Questions:

Please contact the UCCE Sonoma 4-H Office at (707) 565-2621 or [cesonoma4h@ucanr.edu](mailto:cesonoma4h@ucanr.edu).



## Responsibilities



- **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 (1 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. Ambassadors are **not** obligated to act as assistants, helpers, servers, parking lot attendants, or runners at events. If the Ambassador so chooses, they may assist in that capacity for community service at their own discretion if not being requested by Ambassador Advisor.
- **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.

### 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:
  - 4-H Open House & ChickenQue (May 3, 2020)
  - Plan and implement 4-H Achievement Night (date set by the ASA team: October TBA, 2020)
  - Coordinate at least one team service project; and participate in at least two other team service projects
  - 4-H Open House & ChickenQue (May 2, 2021)
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.

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.



## 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 are not limited to.

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

Month	Event	Role Opportunity	Role Opportunity	Role Opportunity	Role Opportunity
May	<b>4-H Open House &amp; Chicken Que</b>	Present at Event			
June	Career Day	Plan	Design	Coordinate	Outreach
July	SCFB Love of the Land	Leadership Role	Community Service		
July	State 4-H Leadership Conference	Promote			
August	Officer Installation	Leadership Role			
August	YAL Foundation Dinner	Leadership Role			
September	<b>Service Learning Project</b>	Plan			
October	National 4-H Week				
October	<b>Achievement Night</b>	Plan	Design	Coordinate	
November					
December					
January	Youth Summit	Participant			
February	Presentation Day	Planning Committee Member	Teen Evaluator	Event Emcee	Community Service
	Livestock Judging	Planning Committee Member	Event Emcee	Community Service	
	SCFB Crab Feed	Leadership Role	Community Service		
March	SCFB Ag Days	Host a booth	Community Service		
	YAL Pancake Breakfast	Leadership Role	Community Service		
April	Area Presentation Day	Leadership Role	Community Service		
	Fashion Revue	Planning Committee Member	Event Emcee	Community Service	
	National 4-H Conference				
May	<b>4-H Open House &amp; ChickenQue</b>	Parade Marshal	Event Emcee	Host a Booth	Community Service
May	State Field Day	Leadership Role	Community Service		
June					
July	Citizen & Leadership Washington Focus	Participant			



## Adult Advisor(s)

The adult advisors work with the 4-H All Stars Ambassadors (ASA) to establish a plan-of-action to benefit the Sonoma County 4-H program. The Advisor(s) guide, coach, and mentor them to develop and implement their team's plan-of-action which should reflect the ASA's interests and abilities. The Advisors ensure the plan-of-action will be completed within the timeframe posted in the ASA calendar. Advisors also serve as a positive role models, demonstrating the values of 4-H in all interactions.

There should be either two or three adult Advisors. Advisors review and report team activities to the 4-H Youth Development Advisor and share team updates with the Sonoma County 4-H Council.

### Requirements

- At least 21 years of age or older
- At least two years of experience working with teenagers
- Experience and ability to guide, mentor, and coach teenagers
- Have the ability to travel and drive youth to meetings and events
- Not a parent or sibling of a current youth ASA
- Be appointed as a 4-H volunteer

### Term

- May 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021 (optional: serve on the interview panel April 18, 2020).

### Required Events

- 4-H ChickenQue and Open House (May 3, 2020)
- 4-H Achievement Night (October TBA, 2020)
- Regular (monthly) team meetings
- Additional events are added throughout the year, based on the interest of the ASAs

### Responsibilities

- Advise and oversee ASAs and ASA activities throughout the year
- Work with youth ambassadors to develop their goals and objectives for the year
- Help youth ambassadors to plan 4-H county activities
- Represent Sonoma County 4-H with 4-H ASAs at 4-H and non-4-H events
- Promote and publicize 4-H ASA Position throughout the county and encourage eligible youth to apply for the coming year.
- Co-facilitate ASA monthly meetings; plan monthly meeting agendas



## Application

Candidates must send the required application form, substantiating documents, and sealed letters of recommendation to the UCCE 4-H Office postmarked by **March 31, 2020**. Applications may be processed electronically or by paper forms. Required application elements include the following:

1. Application Cover Sheet
2. Essay responses to questions on the application
3. Resume highlighting leadership and citizenship skills as well as personal and professional development.
4. Written Evidence of Leadership Experience and Skills
5. 3 sealed Letters of Recommendation: 1 letter from a 4-H youth member and 2 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. Recommendations may not be from a parent/guardian, sibling or other family members.

Send applications to either [cesonoma4h@ucanr.edu](mailto:cesonoma4h@ucanr.edu) or by mail to:

UCCE Sonoma 4-H  
133 Aviation Blvd, Ste 109  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403-8279

## Candidate Selection Day

**April 18, 2020, 9:00am – 3:00pm, YAL Center, Rohnert Park**

Candidates must attend All Star Ambassador selection day. On the application cover sheet page, please indicate any special requests or food allergies. A schedule of the selection day activities will be given to each candidate prior to selection day. The dress code is business casual. Candidates must be present for the entire day, which starts at 9:00am and concludes following each candidate's interview.

1. Prepared Speech of 3-5 minutes. Please communicate any A/V needs prior. Select one of the following prompts.
  - Service Learning Project – Describe a project where you positively impacted our community and learned something new.
  - Youth-Adult Partnerships – What are they and how do we nurture and grow them?
  - Leadership – What are the abilities of a good leader? How can someone best learn and practice to develop these abilities?
2. A luncheon will be served to the candidates and judges. The judges will rotate during the luncheon meal to share lunch with all candidates and get to know them.
3. Individual Interviews will be conducted for each candidate following the luncheon. The judges panel will conduct those interviews.
4. 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.

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

**Notification:** All applicants will be notified of their selection status by April 22, 2020 by email.



# 2020-2021 Sonoma County 4-H County Ambassador Application Cover Sheet

Applications due postmarked by March 31, 2020 to [cesonoma4h@ucanr.edu](mailto:cesonoma4h@ucanr.edu)

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

Age on December 31<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 will review and certify your involvement and ask them to complete the bottom portion of this cover sheet.

Complete application (including this form and the components listed above) are due to the UCCE Sonoma County 4-H Office postmarked by March 31, 2020. Incomplete applications will not be considered for evaluation. Send applications to either: [cesonoma4h@ucanr.edu](mailto:cesonoma4h@ucanr.edu) or by mail to:

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 continuing All Star Ambassador



# 2020-2021 Sonoma County 4-H County Ambassador Application Application Requirements

*Applications due postmarked by March 31, 2020*

1. **Essay:** Respond to the following prompts in three separate essays.  
*(maximum 500 words, about 1-page, per essay. 1" margins, single-spaced, size 12-point font).*
  - a) Why do you want to become a Sonoma County 4-H All Star Ambassador?
  - b) What do you hope to gain from your 4-H Ambassador experience?
  - c) What do you hope to give to 4-H from your Ambassador experience?
  
2. **Resume:** 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/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Member_Resources/4-H_Resumes/)
  
3. **Written Evidence of Leadership Experience and Skills (all the first five OR achievement of Gold Star Rank):**
  - 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 attend, 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:**
  - 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. Recommendations may not be from a parent/guardian, sibling or other family member.

