



2025–2026 Marin County 4-H Ambassador Program

Applications Due October 10, 2025, by 4:00 pm TO THE MARIN COUNTY 4-H OFFICE

About the 4-H Ambassador Role

The 4-H Ambassador serves in the highest 4-H leadership role in Marin County 4-H. The Ambassador rank not only recognizes a member's leadership abilities, but it is also a working honor. Ambassadors are liaisons between the county 4-H office, 4-H members and volunteers, and the public. They visit clubs, represent Marin at the State Leadership Conference, act as role models, and develop a Plan of Action to strengthen the 4-H program and community.

Time Commitment: 13 months, November 1, 2025 – November 30, 2026.

Qualifications

- At least 14 years old by January 1, 2025
- Eligible 4-H youth member for 2025–2026 program year
- At least one year of 4-H membership
- Demonstrated leadership experience and skills (Gold Star, project mastery, 40 hours leadership, 30 hours service, 10 speeches)

Ambassador Responsibilities

- **Advise** – Represent and participate in 4-H decision-making through the Marin County 4-H Leadership Team & advise office on program priorities.
- **Advocate** – Select a community issue and plan to improve the situation. Take action to help strengthen the 4-H program and/or community.
- **Mentor** – Act as a role model and host a 4-H leadership development event for younger members.
- **Plan** – Support County 4-H events in key roles and serve as evaluators. A 4-H ambassador's priority is to hold a position of leadership while presenting at community events to exemplify their capacity to act as a role model and 4-H program representative.
- **Promote** – Represent a positive image of 4-H to the community and outside organizations.
- **Teach** – Lead workshops and sessions at the club, county, area and state events.

Participation & Attendance Expectations

Ambassadors are expected to:

1. Attend at least 80% of regularly planned team meetings.
2. Adhere to team commitments set at the beginning of the term.
3. Required Participation:
 - Marin County 4-H Open House (setup & event, dates TBD)
 - Help plan and support 4-H Achievement Day – October 2026
 - Coordinate one team service project & participate in two additional team service projects
4. Serve in at least two additional leadership roles at county events.
5. Participate in at least three community service activities of your choice.
6. Attend and present updates at all Leadership Team meetings.

Failure to meet attendance and activity expectations may result in forfeiture of the Ambassador rank.

Application Instructions

Applications Due: October 10, 2025, by 4:00 pm to the Marin County 4-H Office

Application Packet must include:

- Application Cover Sheet (see below)
- Essay responses (new or returning prompts below)
- Written evidence of leadership experience and skills (New and Returning)
- Three sealed letters of recommendation (New Applicants only)

Submit applications to:

UCCE Marin County 4-H

Attn: Ambassador Advisors

1682 Novato Blvd., Suite 150B

Novato, CA 94947

*Candidates notified in writing of acceptance/denial by **October 20, 2025**.

Candidate Selection Event (skip this step for 2025-2026 PY)

Date: TBD

Time: TBD

Location: TBD (Marin County)

All candidates (new and returning) must attend.

Event Includes:

1. **Dinner with judges** (casual conversations to get to know applicants).
2. **Prepared Speech (3–5 minutes):** Choose one Ambassador Responsibility (Advise, Advocate, Mentor, Plan, Promote, Teach) and explain why you are most passionate about it.
3. **Individual Interview** with judge's panel.

Dress Code: Business Casual

1. Essay Questions

New Applicants (max 1000 words, single-spaced, 12 pt font)

- Why do you want to become a Marin County 4-H Ambassador?
- What community service would you like to bring to 4-H and why?
- How would you promote and strengthen Marin County 4-H?
- How will you balance Ambassador commitments with school and other activities?

Returning Ambassadors (max 1000 words, single-spaced, 12 pt font)

- What did you learn from your experience this year?
- If selected again, how will you build on that experience?
- What assets do you bring to the new team?
- What worked well last year and what would you change?

2. 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

3. Application Cover Sheet

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Name: _____ Club/Program: _____

Age (as of Jan 1, 2025): _____ Birthdate: _____

Years in 4-H: _____ Home Address: _____

Email: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

First-time applicant

Returning Ambassador

Certifying Adult Review

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Role/Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Organization (if not 4-H): _____