

Amador County 4-H YDP



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County Ambassador Overview

A County Ambassador is the *representative* and champion of the 4-H program in the county. While no two County Ambassador programs are identical, they follow the same guidelines, provide similar opportunities and have the same learning goals.

All County Ambassadors are *highly encouraged* to attend and participate in the 4-H State Leadership Conference, 4-H area conferences, as well as serve on statewide committees or the Statewide Management Board and participate in other activities or events beyond the county level. These experiences help expand leadership skills and are beneficial for those wishing to go on to become a State Ambassador.

The County Ambassador team plans their own activities and learning goals within the established guidelines as described in the County Ambassador Handbook (pages 12 – 15).

County Ambassadors act as visible 4-H members - role models for their fellow 4-H members, their county, their state and their world.

County Ambassadors stand out among other 4-Hers because of special attire such as:

- County Ambassador Star Rank patch (hat) or the Star Rank pin (lanyard), earned upon appointment and worn during years of service.
- County-specific County Ambassador uniform (usually a special jacket, polo shirt and/or nametag). The attire for each county varies and often can be decided upon each year by the County Ambassador team.

All Ambassadors are required to participate in formal meetings of the entire County Ambassador team (including advisors) will be held on a monthly basis. The team may need to have meetings more frequently when planning events – or hold separate meetings solely for planning a large event or activity. For example, if the County Ambassador team hosts a countywide conference, extra meetings may be needed just for planning that conference.

County Ambassador teams will develop a Plan of Action for their term. This plan will help the team stay focused on common goal throughout the year.



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County Ambassador Application Cover Sheet

Name: _____ Club/Unit/Program: _____

Age on December 31st: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Home Address: _____

Member Email Address: _____

Member Home Phone: _____ Member Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Create a packet of all written documents required (see next page) and attach to this cover sheet. Give the whole packet to an adult who will review and certify your involvement and ask them to complete the bottom portion of this cover sheet.

Complete applications (including this form and the components listed above) are due to the Amador County 4-H Office by September 1, 2020. Incomplete applications will not be considered for evaluation.

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 Ambassador.

Signature of Certifying Adult: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Adult: _____ Role/Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Organization (if other than 4-H): _____



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County Ambassador Application Requirements

1. Essays: Answer the following prompts in three separate essays. Essays should not exceed 300 words and may be typed or handwritten.

- Why do you want to become a 4-H County Ambassador?
- What do you hope to gain from your County Ambassador experience?
- What do you hope to give to 4-H from you County Ambassador experience?

2. A Resume: highlighting leadership and citizenship skills, as well as personal and professional development. Find the template here: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/4-H_Resumes/

- Resume

3. Written Evidence of Leadership Experience and Skills (all the first five OR achievement of Gold Star Rank):

- 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 attended, 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 Ambassador.

OR

- 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.

4. Three (3) 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 residing in the same household as the applicant.



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