



EL DORADO COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR APPLICATION

Completed Ambassador Application is due **Tuesday, August 31st by 5pm** at the UCCE Office on 311 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667 Interviews for qualified applicants are scheduled for **Thursday, September 9th 4:30-8:30pm**.

Applicant Name _____ E-Mail _____

Application Requirements

Time Commitment: Minimum Two Year Commitment Required

Qualifications

- 1) Applicant must be between 14 – 18 years old and meet the 4-H membership requirements.
- 2) Applicant must have completed at least three years of membership in 4-H prior to the year of application.
- 3) Applicant must have demonstrated leadership experience and skills by providing evidence of completion of the following five requirements or documentation of having achieved a Gold Star Rank (a signed star rank chart).
 - Mastery of a project as demonstrated by at least 6 hours of instruction, documented by a statement of skills
 - 40 hours of significant leadership roles, at least half through 4-H
 - 30 hours of citizenship and/or community service, at least half through 4-H
 - 10 public speaking engagements, at least 5 of which 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.

Materials

All materials must be delivered as a completed packet to the county office before the deadline listed above in order to be considered for a position. Materials include an application cover sheet, typed essay responses, a resume, written evidence of leadership experience and skills, a signed ambassador commitment agreement, and three letters of recommendation.

Skills

Ambassador is a working rank in 4-H. Candidates need to be eligible for the award, and they must be capable of doing the work expected. They will be role models for younger members. They will each bring different characteristics to their work as a team, but need a positive attitude to work with those differences. Evidence of capable public speaking skills is required. They will get much practice during the year, but must already be able to speak with confidence in front of an audience. They should exhibit strong, positive leadership skills. They each need to be a capable leader individually, and be able to work within the team setting.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



El Dorado County 4-H County Ambassador Application Cover Sheet

Name _____ Club/Unit/Program _____

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

School: _____ Grade: _____ Gender: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Home Address _____

Member Email _____ Parent Email _____

Member Home Phone _____ Member Cell Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____ Cell Phone _____

Application Packet Items:

- 1. Cover Sheet:** Complete and have this sheet signed by an adult to verify you have met the criteria.
- 2. Essays:** Answer the following prompts in three separate essays. Essays should not exceed 300 words and must be typed.
 - 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?
- 3. A Resume:** highlighting leadership and citizenship skills, as well as personal and professional development. Template: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/4-H_Resumes/
- 4. 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, at least half inside of 4-H
 - 30 hours of citizenship and/or community service, at least half inside of 4-H
 - 10 public speaking engagements, at least 5 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).
 - 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
- 5. Three (3) Letters of Recommendation:** Recommendations may not be from a parent/guardian, sibling or other family member residing in the same household as the applicant
 - 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
- 6. Signed El Dorado County Ambassador Commitment Agreement**

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 _____

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

Printed Name of Adult _____ Role/Title _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____



El Dorado County Ambassador Commitment Agreement

The Ambassadors as a group, and individuals are expected to comply with all expectations as stated in the Handbook. Please read carefully the following requirements and major activities of an Ambassador, and sign only if you agree to fulfill the following commitments:

Each Ambassador is expected to:

1. Attend at least 80% of El Dorado County 4-H Ambassador Team meetings.
2. Attend and be an ambassador at El Dorado County selected events.
3. When asked, serve as Master of Ceremonies at El Dorado County selected activities such as Skills Day, Home Arts Day, Presentation Day and the Green Run.
4. Plan and participate in El Dorado County leadership activities.
5. Attend California state and regional leadership conferences such as: State leadership Conference, and optional regional conferences.
6. Participate in selected community outreach or community service projects.
7. Visit selected 4-H club(s) to discuss and promote the Ambassador program, 4-H Camp and county events.
8. Participate in the selection of new Ambassadors.
9. Work with the Ambassador Advisor(s) to develop a written Group Plan for the year.
10. Develop an Individual Plan of Action that supports the Ambassador values.
11. Fulfill group and individual responsibilities not limited to the above expectations.
12. Promote the 4-H program to non 4-H organizations through attendance at Board of Supervisor's meetings, Ironstone Concourse, County Fair events, and local service organizations and Chamber of Commerce meetings.
13. Prepare and organize leadership workshops for club officers.
14. Participate in the installation of 4-H club officers.

Yearly, the Ambassador team determines their program of activities in the Group Plan and determines which Ambassadors will do each of the following (may rotate):

1. Attend El Dorado County 4-H Management Board meetings.
2. Prepare articles for the 4-H Hotline.
3. Plan social activities to be enjoyed by the Ambassadors and other High School 4-H members.
4. Serve as lead event coordinator for county wide events hosted by the team, such as Recognition Night and the County Fair Livestock Awards.

I have read and understand the Ambassador Commitment, and agree to the expectations listed:

Applicant Name

Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Name

Signature

Date