



Dear All Star County Ambassador Applicant:

It is so exciting that you are interested in applying for the rank of Imperial County 4-H Ambassador! This is the highest county award a 4-H member can earn. It is an achievement, an honor and a privilege to represent our Imperial County. County Ambassadors are expected to set an example and challenge younger members to achieve their goals. Being selected as a County Ambassador means you are aware of the time commitment this position requires. Please give some serious thought to your other commitments such as: school activities/homework, personal interests, athletic desires and 4-H projects. Discuss your interest in applying for the ambassadorship with your parents and leaders.

To apply for this position, applicants must complete a current year 4-H Record Book on or before the Record Book due date of the current year, complete the attached application, review and sign the 4-H County Ambassador Contract, get a letter of recommendation from your Community Leader, prepare a County Ambassador interview presentation and provide your supporting documents for the day of the interview.

All completed documents must be scanned and emailed into the 4-H Office by **5pm on the last Friday in May to jlgarcia@ucanr.edu**. Interviews will be held during the first week in June (**time to be announced**). Interviews will be held via Zoom.

If you have any questions, please call Anita Martinez at (760) 693-3025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anita M. Martinez'.

Anita M. Martinez
Imperial County 4-H Youth Development
Program Director





Imperial County 4-H Ambassador Information

County Ambassador is the highest attainable County 4-H rank. It is awarded each year to a selected number of older 4-H members who have made or would like to make a significant contribution to the 4-H Youth Program in our county.

Requirements

1. Member must be at least 15 years of age by June 1st of application year.
2. Must be a member in good standing within their own 4-H Club.
3. Must have been a 4-H Member for at least 2 years prior to submitting an application.
4. Must have been a club officer for at least one year within their 4-H club.
5. Ambassadorships are a two-year term. (Exceptions will be made for incoming high school Sr. Applicants)

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Each County Ambassador team will plan and carry out a specific program (i.e., improve on a current county activity, develop or expand a specific county activity).
2. County Ambassadors will be actively involved in a leadership role at County events.
3. County Ambassadors will attend 4-H Council meetings and present a monthly report that updates Council on activities and events.
4. County Ambassadors are encouraged to attend Regional 4-H Leaders' Council meetings
5. County Ambassadors and their parents will attend an orientation meeting that outlines duties and responsibilities.

Awards

1. County Ambassadors will receive a pin, emblem, jacket, and shirt provided by the Imperial County Leaders Council.
2. Registration Expense-paid trip to the State Leadership 4-H Conference at the University of California Davis by the Imperial County 4-H Council. (Does not include transportation)

How to Apply

Submit the items listed below via email to jlgarci@ucanr.edu by 5pm on the last Friday in May.

1. Application-Attached
2. County Ambassador Contract
3. Letter /(s) of Recommendation - *One must be from your Community Leader*

Selection

A County Ambassador Committee will be selected by the 4-H Council. The County Ambassador Committee will review each application and references, interview each candidate, and then select the Ambassadors based on total 4-H accomplishments, commitment to the program, and leadership ability in contributing to the County 4-H Program.

Specific County Ambassador Selection Criteria Are:

Application	20%
Interview Question Responses	30%
Prepared Presentation.....	20%
Demonstrated Leadership Abilities	5%
Understanding of and Commitment to Program	5%
Positive Attitude	20%
	100%





County Ambassador Presentation Plan

As part of the interview process, applicants will be required to give a 3-5 minute presentation on the topic listed below. Presentation order will be randomly selected. Visual aids (props) and digital slides may be used (Zoom Screen Share option available). Evaluation of presentations will be based on the basic 4-H Presentation Guidelines, including: presentation of subject to judges, knowledge of subject, creativity, professional demeanor, voice, eye contact and answering questions.

Presentation Topic:

Provide a concept for a new county-wide project that incorporates one of the 4-H mission mandates (Science/SET, Healthy Living, Citizenship and Thrive). Explain how you would promote engagement with all clubs, and what the overall goal would be, including your long-term vision. Information on mandates can be found here: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/>

Remember, this is a presentation, not an essay. Note cards are allowed, and creativity is encouraged!

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Due via email on the last Friday in May
Email: Jlgarcia@ucanr.edu

Date _____

Application.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leader Reference	<input type="checkbox"/>
All Star Contract	<input type="checkbox"/>
Record Book	<input type="checkbox"/>





IMPERIAL COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR APPLICATION SUMMARY

(Attach additional sheets if needed)

General Information

Name _____ Birth Date _____ Age (as of 6/1 of current year) _____
Current grade in school _____ Years in 4-H (include this year) _____ 4-H Rank _____
Club _____ Number of members _____
Club Leader _____ Signature of Club Leader _____

List your personal goals for the All-Star Program this coming year:

Leadership: List ten leadership experiences in the 4-H program (club, county, regional and state).

Anticipated participation in activities other than 4-H for the application year:

Summer: _____

Athletic/Academic: _____

Service or Leadership: _____

Church, Community and/or Other Organizations: _____

Plans for employment next year: _____

Other time commitments: _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Email _____ Phone _____





IMPERIAL COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR CONTRACT

I, _____ am in agreement to the following terms and conditions:

- ◆ Attend the State 4-H Leadership Conference in July of the program year selected to serve.
- ◆ Attend 4-H All-Star County Ambassador Retreat and All Trainings.
- ◆ Emcee and provide leadership at Imperial County (countywide) 4-H events/activities including but not limited to Achievement Night, Fashion Revue, County Presentation Day and Clover Chef Challenges.
- ◆ Participate in providing working leadership and program planning for County Council activities and events.
- ◆ Assist in setting goals and planning new programs/activities for County and Region.
- ◆ Plan, develop, and implement a National 4-H Week Plan for Imperial County.
- ◆ Be available to represent 4-H to local clubs/organizations.
- ◆ Attend Imperial County 4-H Council Meetings as requested.
- ◆ Assist in planning and developing the Officer Training event.
- ◆ Be available to install club officers as requested or scheduled.
- ◆ Attend and present a session at any countywide training day and present a session at Southern Youth Summit.
- ◆ Be available to represent the program at our county fair.
- ◆ Be willing to work with young members as a visible role model.
- ◆ Refrain from any behavior or creating social media posts that are in poor taste.
- ◆ Complete a record book for both Club and County judging at the end of their Ambassador year.
- ◆ Participate in meetings and share workload with fellow Ambassadors.
- ◆ **MUST attend 80% of the County Ambassador meetings, activities, and events.**
- ◆ **Refrain from taking on new or additional commitments other than those depicted in my application.**

Agreement:

I agree to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct and serve as a positive role model for other 4-H members at all times. I have read about the duties involved with serving as an Imperial County 4-H Ambassador. I realize that there are significant time requirements and responsibilities involved. If selected, I agree to fulfill these responsibilities.

4-H Member's Signature

Date

I have read the qualifications, duties, and costs involved with the County Ambassador award rank. I realize that there are significant time requirements and responsibilities involved. If selected, I agree to support my son/daughter in fulfilling these responsibilities. I also agree to attend an orientation and any events where adult supervision is required. I understand that as a parent, my participation in this program is vital to the success of my son/daughter should he/she be selected.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

