



2020-2021 State Ambassador Application

Deadline January 6, 2020

The California 4-H State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides 4-H members expanded opportunities to serve the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. The 4-H State Ambassador position is one of the highest youth service-learning opportunities and recognitions attainable in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H State Ambassadors are youth who have excelled in the areas of leadership and service learning, and have been selected to serve the 4-H Youth Development Program in roles that promote leadership through education and service.

4-H State Ambassadors are selected to:

- Act as State 4-H representatives to various local, sectional and statewide programs and activities; including public presentations, workshops and leadership development opportunities.
- Coordinate, plan and implement the 4-H State Leadership Conference.
- Provide donor stewardship support to the California 4-H Foundation.
- Identify needs in the 4-H Youth Development Program and develop or recommend strategies for improvement through participation in a variety of Advisory Committees.
- Advance positive youth development through the adoption of a significant service-learning project that makes statewide impact over the course of the service term.

Term:

4-H State Ambassadors are expected to make a 15-month commitment to the program beginning May 1, 2020 and ending August 31, 2021. State Ambassadors are required to commit significant time to the work of being a State Ambassador. In general, Ambassadors spend 10-40 hours per month, not including travel time, performing the tasks of their role. Ambassadors are expected to make this an important priority for the length of their term. It is critical that candidates reflect on their schedules and existing commitments before accepting the position of 4-H State Ambassador.

Eligibility Requirements:

4-H State Ambassador candidates must have completed at least one year as a California 4-H member. 4-H State Ambassador candidates must be at least 16 years old on May 1, 2020 and no older than 18 years old as of December 31, 2019.

Sponsorship of the 4-H State Ambassador Program:

The Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation provides financial sponsorship of the California 4-H State Ambassador Program



Application Process:

The California State 4-H Office coordinates the selection of candidates to ensure that a similar, fair and equitable process is followed. Applications must be received by the State 4-H Office **no later than January 6, 2019**.

Complete the application [online](#) and submit the following:

- ❑ 4-H Resume uploaded to online application
- ❑ Three Online References, one from each the following:
 - 4-H University of California Cooperative Extension Staff: 4-H YD Academic Advisor, 4-H YD Education Specialist, 4-H YD Assistant or 4-H YD County Director
 - 4-H Adult Volunteer Leader
 - 4-H Member or recent alumni (not over 21 years of age)

* References may not be from family or fellow Ambassador Candidates.

* Please provide a copy of the *Reference Guidelines* to your reference providers.

* References are completed [online](#).

* Additional references will not be accepted.

Interview and Presentation Process:

Candidates are required to attend and participate in the working interview process to be held on **March 7, 2020 12 pm – 5:30 pm**. All applicants should save the date in anticipation of an invitation to advance to the interview phase. **The interview day dress is casual**. Please come in comfortable clothes and shoes because you will be physically active during the day. Lunch will be provided. If you require assistance with your travel please contact your county staff and then Jenna Colburn at 530-750-1336 or jcolburn@ucanr.edu. The interview process will take place at the **UC ANR Building, 2801 Second Street, and Davis, CA 95618**

Interview Presentation:

Applicants must prepare a four to five minute presentation on one of the topics that will be provided with your invitation to interview. Presentations will be ordered randomly. Visual aids (props) and digital slides may be used (digital projector provided). Evaluation of presentations will be based on basic 4-H presentation guidelines, including presentation of subject to judges, knowledge of subject, creativity, professional demeanor, voice, eye contact and answering questions.



Criteria and Evaluation of Selection:

The California 4-H State Ambassador Program is represented by youth who are exceptional in their leadership and service to their communities and who can professionally represent the entire University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. The size of the 4-H State Ambassador team varies each year and is determined by the number of outstanding youth who apply. In general, selection of California 4-H State Ambassadors will be based on evidence of the qualifications outlined in the California 4-H State Ambassador Position Description. The evaluation of candidates is based on the following weights:

- ◆ Application, Resume, Essays and Letters of Reference – Screening to qualify for interview
- ◆ Presentation – 20%
- ◆ Interactive Interview – 50%
- ◆ Overall Presence and Qualifications – 30%

Special Accommodations:



A candidate who needs accommodations to complete the application, essay or interview in the usual method should contact the California State 4-H Office for assistance.

Timeline:

January 6, 2020	Applications and references due online to the State 4-H Office
February 7, 2020	Letter of invitation to interview emailed to selected candidates; letters of regret sent to candidates not being interviewed.
March 7, 2020	Working interview and presentation
March 20, 2020	Letter of notification emailed to candidates
May 16-17, 2020	2020-2021 State Ambassador Team Orientation (attendance is required)

Contact Information:

Send inquiries about the California 4-H State Ambassador Program or the selection process to: Jenna Colburn at jcolburn@ucanr.edu or by U.S Mail:

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