

# 2021-2022 4-H State Ambassador Role Description

The California 4-H State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides 4-H members expanded opportunities in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program.

Throughout their term, State Ambassadors grow leadership competencies through hands-on experience in Planning, Promotions, Teaching, Mentoring, Advocating, and Advising.

### **Term**

14 months, July 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022

### **Time Commitment**

4-H State Ambassadors must commit significant time to the work of being a State Ambassador. In general, Ambassadors spend 10-40 hours per month plus travel time in order to fulfill the tasks of their role. Ambassadors are expected to make this position a priority for the length of their term.

# **Primary Contact**

State 4-H Community Education Specialist for Leadership

# **Expectations**

- Maintain a member in good standing enrollment status in California 4-H.
- Relinquish responsibilities in 4-H at the county level in order to focus on the responsibilities
  of participating as a State Ambassador.
- Make a commitment to follow through with all responsibilities for the entire 14-month term from July 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.
- Fully participate in the orientation and training weekend on August 21-22, 2021 (note: this may be held in-person or virtual, depending on COVID-19 protocols at the time.)
- Meet and communicate with other team members face to face, on the phone, or through internet chat and e-mail on a regular basis as pre-determined by the group.
- Model good behavior, act inclusively and demonstrate sound judgment, both in person and online.

- Act in a professional manner reflecting the history, dignity and prestige of the California
   4-H State Ambassador Program.
- Through actions and words, demonstrate a respect for human dignity and an appreciation for people of all races, ethnicities, genders, religions, abilities and sexual orientations.
- Utilize and role model positive conflict resolution techniques.

## Responsibilities

- Participate in all State Ambassador meetings, whether in-person (in various locations throughout the state) or virtually.
- Represent the California 4-H program at various local, area, and statewide activities.
- Prepare and lead public presentations and workshops.
- Participate in coordinating, planning and implementation of the 4-H State Leadership Conference.
- Provide donor stewardship support to the California 4-H Foundation.
- Participate in State Advisory Committees to help identify needs and make recommendations for improvement in the California 4-H program.
- Select and develop an educational platform as part of a service-learning project, with the goal of making a statewide impact.
- Selected State Ambassadors will work in subcommittee or as a team to support the 4-H
  Focus Areas of Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, STEM/Agriculture. This may include
  working with 4-H Staff and Academics.
- Provide feedback to shape the future of the California 4-H State Ambassador program to assure it continues to meet the needs of the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program.

## **Financial Sponsorship**

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

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