

## **Shasta County 4-H Junior County Ambassador Application**

The following items are due by **August 7, 2026**, to the Shasta County 4-H office

- o Application with all signatures included.
- o Answer the three (3) Essay questions listed on the Requirements page.
- o Complete the Outline of current 4-H activities i.e., projects, events, etc.
- o Complete the seven (7) short essay questions.
- o Two (2) Letters of Recommendation from the following:
  - o 4-H Club community leader (not a parent).
  - o 4-H adult volunteer of your choice (not a parent)

# Guidelines for Junior County Ambassadors

Being chosen as a Junior County Ambassador is a working honor, and in fulfilling it, members are expected to behave with a degree of maturity, composure, and excellence. The following are general guidelines for succeeding as a Junior County Ambassador.

## As a County Ambassador, you are expected to:



- Follow the 4-H Code of Conduct always. Members sign this at the time of enrollment each year. It can also be referenced on the California 4-H website.
- Maintain a professional attitude as a representative of the 4-H Youth Development Program. Remember that both peer friendships and youth-adult partnerships are working, professional relationships.
- Follow the 4-H Dress Guidelines and dress appropriately for events attended or participated in as a Junior County Ambassador. If the Junior County Ambassador group has a uniform, this includes wearing Junior Ambassador attire to an event when appropriate. The team should decide what the dress requirements will be at each event. Coaches should participate in the conversation and not determine this for the team.
- Serve as a role model for younger members. As a prominent member of the 4-H program, younger members will be watching Junior County Ambassadors both on *and* off stage. Be mindful of this and aspire to set a good example always.
- Complete work on time. Whether it is an independent project or part of a group project, members should always complete the work that is agreed upon, whether determined by the group or individually volunteered. Members who are having trouble completing tasks on time must let the adult coach or County Ambassador team know so the adult coaches can help. This should be viewed as a learning experience. Things happen, and everyone needs to learn how to ask for help.

## Consequences for not Fulfilling Responsibilities

Just as there are rewards for doing an outstanding job as a Junior County Ambassador, there can also be consequences for not fulfilling the responsibilities of the position. These penalties will vary from county to county. Penalties might include loss of financial support to attend the State Leadership Conference, or dismissal from the Junior County Ambassador program. Be aware of the requirements of the Junior County Ambassador position and follow through to completion to meet all expectations to receive recognition.

# Responsibilities of Junior County Ambassadors

## **As a Junior County Ambassador, your responsibilities are:**

1. Work together as a team along with the Ambassadors to represent the Shasta County 4-H Program. The Jr. Ambassador Team will represent 4-H at civic and community affairs to share experiences and promote 4-H, as requested.
2. It is mandatory that each member of the Junior Ambassador Team help with the annual Inter-Mountain and/or Valley Achievement event. At this event you will receive recognition as a Jr. Ambassador Team member.
3. The Jr. Ambassador Team is highly encouraged to help with the Achievement Night for the Inter-Mountain 4-H program and any other Inter-Mountain 4-H event the member may be able to attend.
4. The Jr. Ambassador Team will help the Ambassadors, as needed, at two (2) or more of the following countywide events: 4-H Achievement & Family Kick Off Day, Club Officer Training Day, Valley Livestock Judging Day, Junior and Teen Leadership Training, Favorite Foods Day, Presentation Day, and Shasta County Field Day.
5. Assist the Ambassadors with Officer Installation, if requested to do so.
6. The Jr. Ambassador Team will:
  - ✿ Hold meetings as needed to help promote the Shasta County 4-H Program.
  - ✿ Help at officer trainings, presentation trainings, or record book trainings when requested.
  - ✿ Maintain good communication with the Ambassadors.

## **Qualifications**

All 4-H members who have met the following requirements are eligible to apply for the Jr. Ambassador Team:

1. In the 7th grade, or higher, during the current 4-H program year.
2. Are currently enrolled in the Shasta County 4-H program.
3. Have completed one or more program years of 4-H.
4. Have completed one or more years as a Junior or Teen Leader.

5. Have submitted the Jr. Ambassador application to the Shasta County 4-H office by the deadline.
6. Complete the interview process. You will be notified of the interview date.

### **Interview**

You will be required to attend an in-person interview with a panel of judges which includes the current Ambassador team. Once all applications have been received the date of the interview will be determined and you will be notified.

## Shasta County 4-H Junior County Ambassador Application Requirements

**1. Essays:** respond to the following prompts in three separate essays. Each essay should be no longer than 300 words and can be typed or handwritten.

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

**2. Written Evidence of Leadership Experience and Skills:**

- Mastery of a project:* A minimum of 6 hours of instructions, supported by a skills statement.
- Significant leadership roles:* 10 hours, either inside or outside of 4-H.
- Civic Engagement and/or community service:* 10 hours, inside or outside of 4-H.
- Public speaking engagements:* 4 total 4-H presentations.
- Involvement in 4-H:* A list of 5 activities, which may include project skill activities, attendance at 4-H events, honors, and recognition.

**Note:** Definitions for project skill activities, 4-H events attended, honors, and recognition can be found in the California 4-H Record Book Manual. Applicants may use the PDR or the Summary of 4-H Work form to demonstrate completing at least 5 activities items in the Achievement Program.

**3. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation:**

- One letter:* From your Community Club leader (not a parent).
- One letter:* From a 4-H adult who knows your skills and character demonstrated within 4-H (not a parent).

**Note:** 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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## Shasta County 4-H Junior County Ambassador Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age on December 31, 2026 \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Unit/Program \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

Member Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Member Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Member Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Create a packet of all written documents required (see next page) and attach them to this application. 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 Shasta County 4-H Office by Friday, August 8, 2025. Incomplete applications will not be considered for evaluation.

**Yes**, I have read the Jr. Ambassador Team Selection Procedures and will accept all the responsibilities, if selected.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***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 Junior 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) \_\_\_\_\_

## Junior Ambassador Team Application

### Outline of Current 4-H Activities

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your 4-H involvement. You may use additional pages, if needed.

1. What is/are your current 4-H projects (s)? Please provide specific details.
2. List the 4-H events you have attended this year.
3. What leadership roles have you held at the club level, the county level and outside of 4-H this year?
4. What community service projects have you participated in this year?
5. What recognition (honors and rewards) have you received in and out of 4-H?

# Junior Ambassador Team Application Essay Question

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: In short essay form, please address each of the following questions. You may use additional pages, if needed.

1. Why do you want to be a member of the Jr. Ambassador Team?
2. Will you please tell us about our involvement in community and school activities? How will you manage your Jr. Ambassador Team responsibilities with your schedule?
3. What significant experience have you had with planning a club/county event?
4. What would you do to encourage youth to join 4-H or participate in a 4-H event?
5. How many 4-H club meetings have you attended this year?

6. What presentations or prepared talks have you given this year? Were any given at any county events?
  
7. Please provide any other information you would like to share with the Jr. Ambassador Team Selection Committee.