

## 2025–2026 Marin County 4-H Ambassador Program

Applications Due October 15, 2025, by 4:00 pm TO THE MARIN COUNTY 4-H OFFICE

### About the 4-H Ambassador Role

The 4-H Ambassador serves in the highest 4-H leadership role in Marin County 4-H. The Ambassador rank not only recognizes a member's leadership abilities, but it is also a working honor. Ambassadors are liaisons between the county 4-H office, 4-H members and volunteers, and the public. They visit clubs, represent Marin at the State Leadership Conference, act as role models, and develop a Plan of Action to strengthen the 4-H program and community.

Time Commitment: 7 months, November 1, 2025 – June 3, 2026.

### Qualifications

- At least 14 years old by January 1, 2025
- Eligible 4-H youth member for 2025–2026 program year
- At least one year of 4-H membership
- Demonstrated leadership experience and skills (Gold Star, project mastery, 40 hrs leadership, 30 hrs service, 10 speeches)

### Ambassador Responsibilities

- Advise – Represent and participate in 4-H decision-making through the Marin County 4-H Leadership Team & advise office on program priorities.
- Advocate – Select a community issue and plan to improve the situation. Take action to help strengthen the 4-H program and/or community.
- Mentor – Act as a role model and host a 4-H leadership development event for younger members.
- Plan – Support County 4-H events in key roles and serve as evaluators. A 4-H ambassador's priority is to hold a portion of leadership while presenting at community events to exemplify their capacity to act as a role model and 4-H program representative.
- Promote – Represent a positive image of 4-H to the community and outside organizations.
- Teach – Lead workshops and sessions at the club, county, area and state events.

## Participation & Attendance Expectations

Ambassadors are expected to:

1. Attend at least 80% of regularly planned team meetings.
2. Adhere to team commitments set at the beginning of the term.
3. Required Participation:
  - Marin County 4-H Open House (setup & event, dates TBD)
  - Plan and implement 4-H Achievement Day – October TBD, 2026
  - Coordinate one team service project & participate in two additional team service projects
4. Serve in at least two additional leadership roles at county events.
5. Participate in at least three community service activities of your choice.
6. Attend and present updates at all County Council meetings.

*Failure to meet attendance and activity expectations may result in forfeiture of the Ambassador rank.*

## Application Instructions

Applications Due: October 15, 2025, by 4:00 pm to the Marin County 4-H Office

Application Packet must include:

- Application Cover Sheet (see below)
- Essay responses (new or returning prompts below)
- Resume (highlighting leadership, citizenship, and skills)
- Three sealed letters of recommendation (New Applicants only)

Submit applications to:

UCCE Marin County 4-H

Attn: Ambassador Advisors

1682 Novato Blvd., Suite 150B

Novato, CA 94947

## Candidate Selection Event- skip for 2025-2026

**Date:** October 13, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Location:** TBD (Marin County)

All candidates (new and returning) must attend.

### Event Includes:

1. **Dinner with judges** (casual conversations to get to know applicants).
2. **Prepared Speech (3–5 minutes):** Choose one Ambassador Responsibility (Advise, Advocate, Mentor, Plan, Promote, Teach) and explain why you are most passionate about it.

3. **Individual Interview** with judge's panel.
4. Candidates notified in writing of acceptance/denial by **October 30, 2025**.

**Dress Code:** Business Casual

## Essay Questions

### **New Applicants (max 1000 words, single-spaced, 12 pt font)**

- Why do you want to become a Marin County 4-H Ambassador?
- What community service would you like to bring to 4-H and why?
- How would you promote and strengthen Marin County 4-H?
- How will you balance Ambassador commitments with school and other activities?

### **Returning Ambassadors (max 1000 words, single-spaced, 12 pt font)**

- What did you learn from your experience this year?
- If selected again, how will you build on that experience?
- What assets do you bring to the new team?
- What worked well last year and what would you change?- **for 2025-2026 returning ambassadors please choose a new applicant essay question in place of this question.**

## Application Cover Sheet

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club/Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of Jan 1, 2025): \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ First-time applicant

☐ Returning Ambassador

## Certifying Adult Review

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Role/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if not 4-H): \_\_\_\_\_