



Merced County 4-H County Ambassador Application

Who is County Ambassador?

An individual who:

- Has demonstrated leadership abilities, project achievements, civic engagement, and maturity of judgement in a variety of situations at and beyond the club level.
- Exhibits a strong interest in continuing in the Merced County 4-H Youth Development Program and has specific ideas as to ways in which they can provide guidance and leadership to some component of Merced County 4-H Youth Development Program.
- Recognizes the opportunities and responsibilities of Merced County 4-H Ambassador and is receptive to new ideas and new challenges.

Qualifications:

- 1) Applicant must be between 8th grade – 18 years old at time of application and meet the 4-H membership requirements for the length of the term of service.
- 2) Applicant must have completed at least one year of membership in 4-H prior to the year of application. Membership does not have to be the most recent consecutive year.
- 3) Applicant must have demonstrated leadership experience and skills. To ensure that the position of County Ambassador is open to 4-H members in all program delivery modes (community club, afterschool club, SPIN club, summer camp, etc.).

Responsibilities of Merced County 4-H Ambassadors may include:

- Participate in Achievement Day as requested by committee
- Use a Plan of Action or carry out a Service Learning Project
- Attend a 4-H county/state leadership conference or workshop
- Lead the planning and coordination of a countywide event – the possibilities are endless
- Conduct club officer installation
- Assist with countywide events
 - o Officers Retreat
 - o Craft Camp
 - o Communications Day
 - o Fishing Derby
 - o Skills Days
 - o Summer Family Fun Night
 - o Trunk or Treat
 - o Plan and participate in Hi-4-H Events
 - o Others

Also is required to:

- Review and agree to a one-year action calendar with the County Ambassador Advisors and attend scheduled meetings
- Dress appropriately when serving as a County Ambassador Candidate per 4-H Dress Code Guidelines

Please submit:

- Two letters of recommendation from adults who have knowledge of your leadership experience, skills and character. Also submit the attached recommendation form, filled out and signed by your club leader
- Recommendations may not be from a parent/guardian, sibling or other family member residing in the same household as the applicant***



Merced County 4-H County Ambassador Application Cover Sheet

Name _____ Club/Unit/Program _____

Age on December 31st _____ Birthdate _____ Years in 4-H _____

Home Address _____

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 to this cover sheet.

Complete applications (including this form and letters of recommendation) are due to the Merced County 4-H Office by April 15 by 4 pm. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered for evaluation.

County Ambassador Candidate Signature _____

Parent Signaure _____



Merced County 4-H County Ambassador Application Requirements

1. Please answer the following questions:

- Why do you want to become a 4-H County Ambassador?

- What do you hope to gain from your County Ambassador experience?

- What do you hope to give to 4-H from you County Ambassador experience?

Please (briefly) outline your leadership and citizenship activities in 4-H:

- Leadership

- Citizenship



4-H County Ambassador Recommendation Form (to be completed by club leader)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECOMMENDER: Please review this form and read the County Ambassador Job Description before completing form. Please complete this form and give to the member in a sealed envelope with your signature across the envelope flap. **Completed applications must be turned in by the member no later than 4 p.m. on April 15th.** Your honest opinion is important to the countywide 4-H Program. Having the highest rating does not mean the applicant will receive a better chance. The program sees potential leaders that are open to learning and desire to make a difference in the community. Thank You.

Applicant's Name: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

If applicable, what is your role in 4-H?

4-H Community/Co Community Club Leader

How do you know the applicant? _____

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unknown
4-H Program Participation <i>How active is the applicant in the 4-H Program? Consider participation in 4-H projects, club activities, roles taken, etc.</i>					
Community Service <i>Think about what community service projects/activities applicants have participated in. Consider outside 4-H program activities as well.</i>					
Civic Engagement <i>Consider what the applicant has contributed to the community that shows their better understanding of how to be a productive and positive citizen of the city, county and/or country.</i>					
Leadership <i>What has the applicant demonstrated that shows they are a leader? This can be taking a main or supporting role that shows initiative and decisive decision making.</i>					
Well Rounded and able to Contribute <i>Is the applicant knowledgeable, skilled, capable enough to be a 4-H County Ambassador?</i>					
Involvement in School, Community Activities <i>How has the applicant participated in school and/or community activities?</i>					
Maturity <i>What level of maturity does the applicant portray? How well will they work with a teen leadership team?</i>					

Provide any other statements to support your ratings above: _____

I recommend this candidate: Highly Average Low Not This Time

Club Leader Print Name

Signature

Date