



Tehama County 4-H B.L.A.S.T. Team

Building Leaders and Strong Teams

GOAL AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE AWARD:

To select up to a maximum of six (6) 4-H members annually, for their outstanding project work, leadership, and community service. To help the Ambassador Team assume county leadership roles in their reigning year of 2026-2027.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- **Friday, May 8, 2026 by 5p.m.** - Applications DUE to 4-H Office: no exceptions, no postmarks.
- **Friday, May 29, 2026 beginning at 5:30 p.m.** Team & Individual Interviews at 4-H Office
 - Times to be arranged after application deadline.
 - It is recommended that the applicants be appropriately dressed for a professional interview. (See State 4-H website for guideline information)
 - The 4-H uniform is not required but is acceptable.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Any Tehama County 4-H Member, who has completed one or more years of 4-H
- Has completed one or more Junior/Teen Leadership project including Jr/Teen report
- **AND** must have been awarded "Bronze Star" with their 4-H Record Book.
 - **OR**, can prove he/she has earned sufficient Record Book credits to earn a Bronze Star or 4 Sparks at time of application

SUGGESTED B.L.A.S.T. TEAM MEMBER ACTIVITIES:

- Attend a meeting of the Tehama County Board of Supervisors (during 4-H Week in October)
- Provide Council year summation report (noting all Youth/Adult partnerships)
- Work together as a team along with the Ambassadors to represent the Tehama County 4-H program.
- Represent 4-H at civic and community affairs to share 4-H experiences and promote 4-H as requested.
- Officer Installations
- Plan with Ambassadors and help with registration and Club line-ups at the Awards Night Program, fall 2026. At this event, you will receive recognition as a B.L.A.S.T. team member.
- Help the Ambassadors as needed at the following countywide events: Livestock Judging Day, Favorite Foods Day/Life Skills Judging Day, Fashion Revue/Still Exhibits Fair, Fur & Feather 4-H Fair and Presentation Day, etc.
- Plan, implement, and carry out a countywide community service-learning project sometime throughout the year.

SELECTION COMMITTEE:

The selection committee shall consist of a minimum of three adults. No selection committee member shall be a parent or guardian of the BLAST applicants.

The advisor will be present during the interview to facilitate the selection process and ensure that appropriate questions are asked fairly to each interviewee.

Tehama County 4-H Council will appoint the interview committee.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

70 % Interview, 25% Essay, and 5% Letter of Recommendation

If you have any questions, please call Mario Monroy-Olivas, 4-H Program Representative, at the 4-H Office, 527-3101.

TEHAMA COUNTY B.L.A.S.T. APPLICATION
A completed B.L.A.S.T. Application includes the following:

____ 1. B.L.A.S.T. Application Coversheet and Essay on following page.

____ 2. 4-H B.L.A.S.T. Information Sheet

____ 3. ONE Letter of recommendation**

____ From a 4-H Leader (NON-parent) – Name: _____

***THE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION CAN BE MAILED DIRECTLY (OR DELIVERED) TO THE 4-H OFFICE** by individuals writing them OR given to the applicant in a sealed envelope and must also be received by the application deadline. (Sorry postmarks will not be accepted)

____ 4. Prepare a short presentation for interview panel.

TEHAMA COUNTY B.L.A.S.T. APPLICATION

DUE FRIDAY, MAY 8, BY 5PM TO THE 4-H OFFICE

1754 Walnut Street, Red Bluff, CA, 96080

4-H B.L.A.S.T. Applicant Information

Pleas use your grade and age you will be during your time as a team member

(Information given will be used for a press release)

Name: _____ 4-H Club: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Years in 4-H: _____ Age: _____ Grade in School: _____

Name of School: _____

Career Interest: _____

Names of parents/guardians: _____

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IN ESSAY FORM, PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING. YOUR RESPONSE MAY BE TYPED OR HANDWRITTEN. (Additional pages may be used).

1. Share experiences and express new ideas for 4-H and community involvement
2. Share knowledge of Tehama 4-H Program
3. Share how to promote 4-H and encourage others to participate in the program
4. Understands the role and responsibilities of being a B.L.A.S.T. member.
5. Expresses the knowledge they have learned through their project work.

4-H B.L.A.S.T. INFORMATION SHEET

(Information given below may be used for a press release)

Name: _____

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1. List your major 4-H projects:

6. List your major 4-H leadership roles:

7. List your major 4-H honors and awards:

4. List your major participation, leadership and honors in community, school, church, and other youth organizations:

8. Are you currently employed? _____ If yes, where and what are your responsibilities?

Please identify as 'B.L.A.S.T. Recommendation'
Tehama County 4-H Youth Development Program
2026-2027 B.L.A.S.T. Selection Score Sheet

Applicant's Name: _____

			Points Given
I.	Interview [70 points possible]	Total	
	Explain how you have demonstrated leadership ability, i.e., Junior/Teen Leader, Club Officer, Committee Chair, Camp Staff, Emerald Star, State level, etc.	10	
	Explain your participation and commitment to community service/service learning	10	
	Explain your continued 4-H involvement after receiving their Bronze Star	10	
	How do you serve as a role model for other teens and children	10	
	Share experiences and express new ideas for 4-H and community involvement	10	
	Give a short presentation (5 minutes at least) highlighting your personality; interview panel will look for appearance, poise, and confidence as a public speaker (ideas for presentation: personal experiences, leadership roles, community awareness, etc., <i>this is open to your interpretation</i>)	20	
II.	Essay Questions [25 points possible]	Total	
	Is able to share experiences and express new ideas for 4-H & community involvement	8	
	Has knowledge of the Tehama County 4-H Program	5	
	Is willing to promote 4-H and encourage others to participate in the program	5	
	Understands the role and responsibilities of being a B.L.A.S.T. member	4	
	Is able to express the knowledge they have learned through their project work	3	
III.	Letter of Recommendation	Total	
		5	

Overall Total _____

Ambassador/Blast Selection Committee
Interview Questions

1. What does becoming an Ambassador/Blast mean to you?
2. On a scale of 1-10 rate yourself as a 4-H Member.
3. Describe what 4-H means to you.
4. Why do you want to be an Ambassador/Blast member?
5. What has been your most rewarding 4-H experience?
6. What ideas do you have to promote 4-H or to encourage more youth to become involved? Or to encourage 4-H'ers to re-enroll?
7. What is a challenge facing our youth today?
8. Do you have a role model? If yes, whom?
9. Have you planned an activity? If yes, please describe the steps taken.
10. What are some of your non-4-H activities in school and in the community?
11. Do you have a special project or activity that you would like to promote while you are an Ambassador/Blast? If yes, what?
12. Can you attend our Leadership Retreat July 17-19?
13. Do you have any questions for us?