



San Mateo County 4-H County Ambassador Application Information

To apply to become a County Ambassador applicants must be between the ages of 14-18 years old as of December 31 of the program year, meet the 4-H membership requirements for the 12-month term and have completed at least one year of membership in 4-H prior to the year of the application. Membership does not have to be the most recent consecutive year. You must meet the following Written Evidence of Leadership Experience and Skills (all the first five OR achievement of Gold Star Rank):

- Mastery of a project as demonstrated by at least 6 hours of instruction. Provide a statement of what project skills you have mastered
- 40 hours of significant leadership roles, either inside or outside of 4-H
- 30 hours of citizenship and/or community service, either inside or outside of 4-H
- 10 public speaking engagements, at least 2 of those must have been given at a 4-H event
- Demonstrate involvement in 4-H as evidenced by a list of activities that are a combination of 15 of the following: project skill activities, 4-H events attended, and honors/recognition. Definitions for these three categories are found in the Record Book Manual under the section describing the Personal Development Report (PDR). Completing a PDR is not an application requirement for County Ambassadors.

OR

- Achievement of a Gold Star Rank as evidenced by the signed and dated Star Rank chart or other documentation that verifies you have achieved this rank

Applications are due November 27, 2023 no later than 11:59 PM

Thank you for your interest in being a county ambassador for the 2022-2023 program year. To complete your application, there are two parts:

PART 1:

Fill out this online application: https://ucanr.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8BMe74QfFTDbSXc

County Ambassador Plan (max 500 words): County Ambassadors plan and execute a group service learning project. Please describe a Service Project idea that you and your fellow ambassadors could complete over the year by answering the following questions What is an issue in your community that really matters to you? How do you think you and your fellow Ambassadors can address and realistically help solve this issue in a Service Learning Project?

Reference: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Citizenship/service_learning/

- **Essays:** Answer the following prompts in three separate essays. Essays should not exceed 300 words.
 - 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 your County Ambassador experience?
- **Resume** highlighting leadership and citizenship skills, as well as personal and professional development. You may use the 4-H resume as a guide: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/4-H_Resumes/
- **Upload signed County Ambassador Agreement:** <https://ucanr.edu/sites/smsf4h/files/305816.pdf>



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PART 2:

Online submission of three (3) Letters of Recommendation (*SUBMISSION DEADLINE: November 27, 2023 no later than 11:59pm*)

Please provide your references that you have chosen with this survey link to submit their recommendations: https://ucanr.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1HuFGAjULRZfoOO

1. One (1) letter from a 4-H youth member.
2. Two (2) letters from adults who have knowledge of your leadership experience, skills and character. At least one of the letters must be from a 4-H adult who has knowledge of your skills and character demonstrated in the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Recommendations may not be from a parent/guardian, sibling or other family member related to the applicant.

If you have any question, please contact Karen Looye, 4-H Program Coordinator, klooye@ucanr.edu or Dan Hogan, County Council President, dhogan19@comcast.net