**2021-2022 Marin County 4-H Ambassador**

**Applications Due June 1, 2021**

<http://cemarin.ucanr.edu/Programs/4H/AllStar/>

4-H County Ambassadors serve in the highest 4-H leadership role in Marin County 4-H. The 4-H County Ambassador position not only recognizes a member's leadership abilities, but it is also a working honor. A core component of the 4-H County Ambassador program is youth working collaboratively to develop, implement, and evaluate a Plan-of-Action to strengthen the 4-H program. Additionally, 4-H County Ambassadors are liaisons between the county 4-H office, 4-H members and volunteers, and the public. They visit 4-H clubs in their county, network with other organizations within the community, and represent their county at the annual 4-H State Leadership Conference. 4-H County Ambassadors are role models for their fellow 4-H members and their community. Upon successful completion of 4-H County Ambassador responsibilities, youth will earn the 4-H All Star Award.

**Time Commitment:** Minimum active participation for 12 months, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Youth will continue participating as a 4-H County Ambassador until their cohort’s Plan-of-Action is completed (average time is two years). Youth may continue in the 4-H County Ambassador program for multiple years, as long as they are eligible to enroll as a youth.

**Qualifications**

* Candidates must be at least 14 years old on or before December 31, 2021.
* Candidates must be eligible to be a 4-H youth member from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 year.
* Candidates must have completed at least one year of membership in 4-H.
* Candidates must have demonstrated leadership experience and skills. This may be demonstrated either through a Gold Star or through mastery of a project as demonstrated by at least 6 hours of instruction; 40 hours of significant leadership roles, with at least 10 hours of leadership contributed to 4-H; 30 hours of citizenship and/or community service, with at least 6 hours through 4-H; and 10 public speaking engagements, with at least two given at a 4-H event.
* *Completing a 4-H Record Book is NOT a requirement.*
* *Having a gold star is NOT a requirement, but alternatively, it is recommended that a member submit documentation of having achieved a Gold Star Rank to satisfy the above requirements. Documentation can be the signed and dated Star Rank chart or other written documentation, that is signed by an adult volunteer other than the parent, that the Gold Star Rank was achieved.*
* Candidates must maintain a GPA of at least 2.0

**Responsibilities**

1. **Develop, Implement, and Evaluate a *Team* Plan-of-Action:** New first-year 4-H Ambassadors will work as a cohort to identify, plan, and implement a project to strengthen, expand, and improve the Marin County 4-H program. The project should have roots in the young people’s sparks/passion, have an enduring impact on the Marin County 4-H program, and be approved by the Adult Advisor and 4-H Office. While there is no set amount of time the Plan-of-Action may take to complete, note that most 4-H County Ambassadors need at least 2 years to complete the Plan-of-Action.
2. **Be an active contributor to the 4-H County Ambassador program**. Youth must attend at least 80% of 4-H County Ambassador meetings, follow the 4-H Code of Conduct, be a member in good standing, and be active contributors to the functions of the 4-H County Ambassador team.
3. **Attend the 4-H State Leadership Conference** (typically July or August at a UC campus).
4. **Act as 4-H Ambassadors**. Annually, the entire 4-H County Ambassador team (new and returning youth) will discuss the following responsibilities, develop a timeline for participation, and divide and assign responsibilities. The types of functions may vary each year depending on the needs in the
4-H program and community.
* **Advise**: Help the UCCE 4-H Office make program priorities. Participate and be involved in 4-H decision-making through the Marin County 4-H Council and the UCCE 4-H Office; represent youth on the Marin County 4-H Council by attending Council meetings.
* **Mentor**: Help lead the Marin 4-H Teen Club. Act as a role model to 4-H members; visit 4-H clubs during the year; be integral part of county officer’s training event; host a 4-H leadership development event for younger members.
* **Plan**: Attend and assist with Achievement Night, Presentation Day, Farm Day, Fashion Revue, and West Marin Fair. Support county 4-H events in key roles such as: parade marshals, emcee, plan and coordinate events, and serve as evaluators.
* **Promote**: Present a positive image of 4-H; act as a 4-H Ambassador; represent 4-H to outside organizations. Wear 4-H attire and/or Ambassador attire at 4-H functions. Present 4-H to community organizations, write an article for a newspaper, or create a display at the library. Make a presentation to the Marin County Board of Supervisors during National 4-H Week.
* **Teach**: Lead workshops or sessions at club, county, area, and state events.

**Commitment of Events**

1. Required Participation:
* Achievement Night (October, 2021); Fashion Revue (April 2021); Farm Day (April 2021); West Marin Fair (June 2021); other county events and fundraisers
* Complete the team action project.
1. At least one additional leadership role at a county event of your choice
2. 80% or better attendance at 4-H Ambassador team meetings.
3. 80% or better attendance at Marin County 4-H Council meetings

**Conferring the 4-H County Ambassador Award**

Upon successful completion of the cohort’s project, and by being an active contributor to the 4-H County Ambassador program during their tenure, youth will be conferred the “4-H All Star Award” consisting of the All Star patch and a pin for each year of service. This will take place at earliest 4-H Achievement Night.

**Application:** Candidates must send the required application form, substantiating documents, and letters of recommendation to the UCCE 4-H Office postmarked by June 1, 2021. Applications may be processed electronically or by paper forms. Required application elements include the following:

1. Application Cover Sheet
2. Essay responses to questions on the application
3. 4-H Resume highlighting leadership and citizenship skills as well as personal and professional development.
4. Written Evidence of Leadership Experience and Skills
5. 3 Letters of Recommendation: 1 letter from a 4-H youth member and 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 the applicant’s skills and character demonstrated in the 4-H Youth Development Program. Recommends may not be from a parent/guardian, sibling or other family member residing in the same household as the applicant.

Application essays should be typed, using 12-point font. Send applications by email in PDF format to lvandentoorn@ucanr.edu or in a manila envelope by mail to:

UCCE Marin 4-H

1682 Novato Blvd, Ste 150B

Novato, CA 94947-7021

**Candidate Consideration Process (June):** Candidates will be invited to participate in an in-person selection day, consisting of the following:

1. Presentation of 3-5 minutes. Topics for the presentations may be chosen from the following:
2. Service Learning Project – Describe a project where you positively impacted our community.
3. Youth-Adult Partnerships in 4-H – How do we nurture and grow them?
4. What is your favorite 4-H project, why, and how would you make the project even better?
5. Individual interview with selection committee.

**Notification:** All applicants will be notified within 5 days of the selection process.

**Selection Committee:** Candidates will be evaluated by a panel of three.

**Questions**: Please contact the UCCE Marin 4-H Office at (415) 473-4207 lvandentoorn@ucanr.edu

**2020-2021 Marin County 4-H County Ambassador Application**

**Cover Sheet**

*Applications due postmarked by June 1, 2020*

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

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

**Instructions:** Create a packet of all written documents required (see next page) and attach to this cover sheet. Give the packet to an adult who will review and certify your involvement and ask them to complete the bottom portion of this cover sheet.

Complete application (including this form and the components listed above) are due to the UCCE Marin County 4-H Office postmarked by June 1, 2020. Incomplete applications will not be considered for evaluation. Send applications by email to lvandentoorn@ucanr.edu or by mail to:

UCCE Marin 4-H- Linnea van den Toorn

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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 County Ambassador.

Signature of Certifying Adult\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Adult\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Role/Title\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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Name of Organization (if other than 4-H) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**4-H County Ambassador Application Signature Page**

**By signing this agreement, the 4-H County Ambassador and parent are stating that they have read, understand and are willing to abide by the requirements and responsibilities as stated above and in the Marin county Ambassador Handbook.**

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Applicant’s Signature Date

I have read this plan and will support my child in carrying it out.

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Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date

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**Application Requirements**

*Applications due postmarked by June 1, 2020*

1. **Essay:** Respond to the following prompts in separate essays (maximum 300 words per essay).
2. **Why do you want to become a Marin County 4-H Ambassador?**
3. **What do you hope to gain from your Ambassador experience?**
4. **What ideas do you have for your cohort’s Plan-of-Action?**
5. **Resume:** highlighting leadership and citizenship skills, as well as personal and professional development. Find a template at: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Member_Resources/4-H_Resumes/>
6. **Written Evidence of Leadership Experience and Skills (all the first five OR achievement of Gold Star Rank):**
	* 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.

OR

* + 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, with at least 10 hours of leadership contributed to 4-H; .
	+ 30 hours of citizenship and/or community service, with at least 6 hours through 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 attend, 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 Ambassador.
1. **4-H Record Book**

If you have a completed 4-H Record Book, please submit it. Record Books will be returned at the County Ambassador Applicant Interview.

1. **Transcript**
	* Submit a current school transcript
2. **Three (3) Letters of Recommendation:**
* One letter from a 4-H youth member
* Two 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 residing in the same household as the applicant.