

ARKANSAS 4-H AMBASSADOR PROGRAM Information Sheet

OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM:

Arkansas 4-H Ambassadors are individuals who can be called on to assist with 4-H promotion at the state and county level. Ambassadors can be utilized in the following ways:

1. Assist with statewide 4-H programs such as the Teen Leader Conference, Awards of Excellence Banquet, district and state 4-H O-Ramas, Arkansas State Fair and Livestock Show, and 4-H Ambassador Workshop.
2. Assist with county 4-H programs as requested. Ambassadors may be called on to serve as banquet or workshop speakers, camp counselors, or county activity judges. They could also assist with county teen leader club organization or 4-H promotional events.
3. Promote Arkansas 4-H at every opportunity.
4. Represent 4-H at various activities such as fairs, donor events, awards programs, community and state organizations' annual meetings, etc.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

To apply, a 4-H member must be a 4-H Teen Star. 4-H'ers may apply for ambassador the same year they apply for Teen Star. They may interview for ambassador only if selected as a Teen Star. The applicant must not be 19 years of age before or during the calendar year in which the application is being submitted. Once named a 4-H Ambassador, a 4-H'er must re-certify annually (see Arkansas 4-H Ambassador Re-certification Policy) on or before May 1 or the first working day of May.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Ambassador candidates must complete and submit FY4-H-657 on or before March 1 or the first working day of March to the state 4-H Youth Development office. Ambassadors will be interviewed and selected on the first day of Teen Leader Conference at the Arkansas 4-H Center. **Applicants must make a 4-H promotional speech of approximately 500 words** and respond to questions asked by a panel of judges. No make-up day will be scheduled. Additional information will be mailed to each applicant after applications are received.

EXPENSE:

All expenses associated with this program are assumed by the 4-H Ambassador. There are two exceptions which are:

1. Teen Leader Conference registration will be partially paid for those ambassadors who participated in the state 4-H Ambassador Workshop, and

2. Some counties may pay travel expenses for those ambassadors who are requested to assist with county programs.

Note: All 4-H Ambassadors are encouraged to purchase a 4-H Ambassador shirt.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A 500 word 4-H promotional speech must be prepared for presentation during their interview. The speech should be the original work of the 4-H'er applying for Ambassador. 4-H'ers suspected of not presenting original work will be subject to immediate disqualification. The speech should be one that an ambassador could use at 4-H banquets and events, as well as before civic and community organizations.

All 4-H Ambassadors are expected to attend and assist with the state 4-H Ambassador Workshop and 4-H Teen Leader Conference.

APPLICATION:

Submit form FY4H-657 – Arkansas 4-H Activity Application For Youth Leadership Role.

DUE DATE:

Applications are due in the state 4-H Youth Development office on the first business day of March.

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