



## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 15<sup>th</sup>.** 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
<b>4-H Program Participation</b> <i>How active is the applicant in the 4-H Program? Consider participation in 4-H projects, club activities, roles taken, etc.</i>					
<b>Community Service</b> <i>Think about what community service projects/activities applicants have participated in. Consider outside 4-H program activities as well.</i>					
<b>Civic Engagement</b> <i>Consider what the applicant has contributed to the community that shows his/her better understanding of how to be a productive and positive citizen of the city, county and/or country.</i>					
<b>Leadership</b> <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>					
<b>Well Rounded and able to Contribute</b> <i>Is the applicant knowledgeable, skilled, capable enough to be a 4-H County Ambassador?</i>					
<b>Involvement in School, Community Activities</b> <i>How has the applicant participated in school and/or community activities?</i>					
<b>Maturity</b> <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: \_\_\_\_\_

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I recommend this candidate:  Highly  Average  Low  Not This Time

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Club Leader Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date