



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

RACINE COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR APPLICATION INFORMATION

The purpose of the Racine County 4-H Ambassador program is to promote 4-H at community events throughout the year and reach new audiences in various ways. In addition to community events, Ambassadors are leaders at 4-H activities and organize the Racine County 4-H Leadership Retreat. A 4-H member becomes an Ambassador when they apply and are selected to represent the 4-H program in this leadership role. Applicants will need to participate in an interview in addition to submitting the application.

4-H Age: The applicant must be in eighth grade or above (2021-22 school year).

Benefits: Being an Ambassador takes a lot of time and commitment, but you can gain the following:

- Improve your self-confidence
- Gain new leadership skills
- Gain more awareness of your strengths and capabilities
- Improve your communication skills
- Enjoy getting others excited about 4-H

4-H members must have the following skills and abilities:

- Mature
- Responsible
- Public speaking
- Commitment
- Enthusiasm
- A good understanding of 4-H

Requirements: Successful applicants must be able to travel around the county and have a sincere desire to promote 4-H. **Each Ambassador must attend at least 75% of all Ambassador meetings or activities.**

Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the group. Mandatory activities are the June Ambassador meeting and assisting at the livestock auctions at 2022 Racine County Fair.

Term: Beginning this year, Ambassadors will be selected for a 1-year mandatory/2-year optional term. This means an Ambassador will be required to fulfill their duties for 1-year. If the Ambassador would like to continue for a following year, the Ambassador will be able to do so if they fulfilled the requirements of the first year. Ambassadors will not be required to go through an interview process, however, they will participate in a review process of their first year. All Ambassadors that were selected for the 2020-21 4-H year, will be grandfathered into having the option to continue for a 2nd year without reapplying. The purpose of this change is to allow for larger initiatives to continue from year-to-year (i.e. Leadership Retreat).

Duties: Promote 4-H throughout Racine County. Opportunities *may* include:

1. Promote 4-H in the local media with newspaper articles and radio interviews
2. Attend community events
3. Visit 4-H clubs
4. Assist with events and activities at the fair (i.e. Call Booth, auction, educational booths, etc.)
5. Help at countywide 4-H events (i.e. Communication Arts Festival)
6. Participate in area parades
7. Attend Racine County Junior Leaders Association meetings and events
8. Promote and present at the 4-H Open House
9. Community service projects

Selection: **Applicants must submit the Ambassador application form by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27th, 2021 to the Extension Racine County office in Burlington.** It may be dropped off at the office (1072 Milwaukee Avenue, Burlington, WI 53105) on weekdays between 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 1:00-4:00 p.m., placed in the drop box on the outside of the office, received via USPS mail, emailed (jen.reese@wisc.edu), or faxed (262-767-8775) by the stated date and time. **Late forms are unable to be accepted.** Applicants will be contacted to schedule and confirm an interview. **Interviews will be held in October and will be held via Zoom.** Selection will be limited to a certain number of individuals.



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Applicants must submit the Ambassador application form, short essay, and resume by **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27th, 2021**. See cover page for submission options. Late forms are unable to be accepted.

Name: _____ Grade (2021-2022): _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Years in 4-H: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____ 4-H Club: _____

1. Please attach your typed essay response. Be sure to fully answer each of the questions below:

- *As an Ambassador, you will frequently be asked, "What is 4-H and how do I join?" How would you explain 4-H to someone that does not know what 4-H is? How would you walk someone through joining 4-H and the new member questions they may have (picking a club, signing up, answering "what is the time commitment?", etc.)? Include some of your 4-H experiences that you could draw on when explaining 4-H to others.*
- *In a world that is going digital (not being able to promote 4-H in person) due to current restrictions, in what ways can the 4-H Ambassadors reach new youth and their families to tell them about 4-H? Include and explain the examples that you mention.*

2. Please attach a resume, complete with work, volunteer, school, and extracurricular experiences.

The resume does not have to look the same as the example provided. The resume should not be more than two pages in length.

The following is a list of some of the events Ambassadors have participated in.

Please mark those events you may be interested in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentations to 4-H clubs and other organizations (Kiwanis, Rotary, Racine County Board) | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist in promotional events at the Racine County Fair (auctions/educational opportunities) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promote and present at 4-H Open House | <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in media interviews and outreach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organize and execute a leadership conference | <input type="checkbox"/> Community service projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organize sessions at state 4-H events | <input type="checkbox"/> Manage social media accounts and create digital content (videos, social media posts) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help out at 4-H events (i.e. Communication Arts Festival, Recognition Celebration, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraisers |

Ambassador meetings are held monthly. Meeting times and the location will be determined shortly (typically the morning of the 1st Saturday of each month).

What other commitments do you have that we should know about?

4-H Member Agreement: *I have read the duties of the 4-H Ambassador and agree to participate in the program. If I do not fulfill the requirements (determined by Ambassador team), then I may be removed from my position.*

Name

Date

Parent/Guardian Agreement: *I have read the duties of the 4-H Ambassador and agree to support this applicant if they are chosen to represent Racine County 4-H.*

Name

Date

Sample Resume

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EDUCATION

Case High School, 10th grade
Tucker 4-H, 8 years

4-H PROJECT SUMMARY

Clothing, Dairy, Photography, Sheep, 5 years – current projects
Foods and Nutrition, 3 years
Poultry, 2 years
Mechanical Science, 1 year

4-H ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT

Delegate to CWF, 2017	Delegate to State Conference, 2015
International Exchange Host, 2016	Dairy Workshop, 3 years
Office Held: President	Cloverbud Day Leader, 3 years
Dairy Judging, 5 years	Ambassador, 3 years
Club Calendar Committee, 5 years	Card Party Committee, 3 years
4-H Jr. Leader, 2 years	County Fair Exhibitor, 5 years
Club Fundraisers, 5 years	Club Community Service, 3 years

LEADERSHIP ROLES

- *Effectively chaired the card party committee for 2 years
- *Assist dairy project leader with meetings
- *Chair of club calling tree committee
- *Member of County Foods Committee, assisting with Foods Revue
- *Teach younger members in Foods, Clothing, and Dairy
- *Current Vice President of club
- *Current Secretary of Racine County Jr. Leader, past treasurer

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

- *Proficient knowledge of dairy nutrition, fitting, showing, and training
- *Proficient knowledge of sheep nutrition, fitting, showing and training
- *Experienced show person taking top awards in animal projects, 5 years
- *Able to document projects in record book
- *Developed optimum feeding rations for market animals staying within family budget and utilizing crops produced
- *Cultural arts skills: crocheting, framing, quilting, flower arranging, stenciling, painting, layout and design

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- *Excellent role model, mentor and team player
- *Effectively work with younger members, peers and adults in varied situations
- *Organize special events and meetings while paying close attention to detail
- *Delegate tasks effectively and appropriately as part of leadership role in club
- *Sportsmanship exhibited in and out of competitive situations
- *Understands and use parliamentary procedure

OTHER ACTIVITIES

June Dairy Month Recipe Contest Entrant, 7 years
Holstein Association Member, 7 years
Honor Roll, 4 years
Choir, 3 years
Basketball team, 2 years

Tentative Calendar 2021-2022:

All dates and events are subject to change.

****Event will be contingent on 4-H policy**

Saturday, November 13 - Meeting

**Friday, December 4 - Burlington Christmas Parade

**Saturday, December 5 - Waterford Christmas Parade

TBD December - Meeting

Saturday, January TBD - Meeting

Saturday, February 5 - Meeting

**February TBD - Leadership Retreat

Saturday, March 5 - Meeting

**Saturday, March TBD - Communication Arts Festival

Saturday, April 2 - Meeting

Saturday, May 7 - Meeting

**Monday, May 31 - Memorial Day Parade

Saturday, June 4 - Meeting - ***MANDATORY***

**Saturday, June TBD - Breakfast on the Farm

**Saturday, June Summer Reading Kick-off – Racine Public Library

**June - WI 4-H and Youth Conference (Madison, WI)

**Monday, July 4 - 4th of July Parades

**Wednesday, July 27 - Fair Opening Ceremonies

Saturday, July 30 - Livestock Auction - *MANDATORY***

Sunday, July 31 - Small Animal Auction - *MANDATORY***

**September - 4-H Open House

End of year Celebration

Application Score Guide

Neatness and Completeness /5

- Did the applicant take time on the resume and application? Was it neat? (2)
- Does the applicant go into depth of why they would be an asset? (1)
- Does the applicant's interests align with the interests of the program? (2)

4-H Experience /10

- Does applicant have enough positive 4-H experience? (2)
- Does applicant demonstrate growth in involvement or leadership year after year? (2)
- Does applicant demonstrate a well-rounded 4-H experience? (6)
(ex. leadership, volunteering, active yearly participation, etc.)

Other Experience /5

- Does applicant have other experiences outside of 4-H? (3)
- Does applicant have enough time to commit to be an active Ambassador? (2)

Essay Content /10

- Does the essay use examples of how they have or will be a positive representative of 4-H? (1)
- Does the applicant go into depth on what they will do to be a positive representative? (3)
- Do they answer why it is important to be a positive spokesperson of 4-H? (3)
- Does the applicant seem like they will represent and talk positively of 4-H? (3)

Total: /30