

RACINE COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR APPLICATION INFORMATION

Racine County's 4-H Ambassador program's purpose 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 seen as leaders at 4-H activities and organize the Racine County 4-H Leadership Retreat. A 4-H member becomes an Ambassador when he/she applies and is selected to represent the 4-H program in this leadership role. Applicants will need to participate in an interview in addition to the application.

4-H Age: Must be in eighth grade or above (2025-2026 school year).

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 at this time are the summer (pre-parade/pre-fair) meeting and assisting at the livestock auction and fur and feather auctions at 2026 Racine County Fair.¹

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 clubs.
- 4. Assist with events and activities at the fair (i.e. Call Booth, Auction, Educational Booths, etc.).
- 5. Help emcee countywide 4-H events.
- 6. Participate in area parades.
- 7. Attend Racine County Junior Leader's Association meetings and events.
- 8. Present at and help promote the 4-H Open House.
- 9. Community service projects.

Selection: Applicants must submit the <u>Ambassador Application form</u> by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2025.

Applicants will be contacted shortly thereafter to schedule and confirm an interview. Interviews will be conducted on September 22, 2025 before the Junior Leader Association meeting. A Sign-up Genius will be sent to schedule your interview. Selection to the 2025-2026 Ambassador team is limited.

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

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

¹ We will notify ambassadors as far in advance as possible if these 2 mandatory requirements change.



An interview will be part of the application process. Please be prepared for the interview with the following:

- 1) A resume OR your completed 4-H Record Book. Please be prepared to talk about your extracurricular experiences as well. (Sample resume attached)
- 2) The following are examples of questions that may be asked during the interview. Please be ready to answer or demonstrate the following:
 - a) 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.
 - **b)** If you are selected as an ambassador, what is an outreach idea that you have that could help increase the community awareness of Racine County 4-H?

Note: Current Ambassadors will have a year-end review. If they have not successfully met the requirements, they will be put on probation and have 1 year to improve or may be asked to resign..

Sample Resume

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Objective:

To obtain a position interacting with youth of all ages and encouraging them to try new things.

Experience:

4-H *2003-present*

Member of Rising Stars 4-H club for 11 years. Was the treasurer position for the club and historian for junior leaders. Currently holding the president position for the Junior Leader Association. Participated on multiple committees chairing events and being a volunteer. Actively involved in photography, plants, woodworking, and home environment.

4-H Ambassadors 2011-present

Participated in ambassador program for the past four years by promoting 4-H and leading leadership retreats. Also, walked in parades, worked at rabbit shows, and actively helped at auctions during the fair for large and small animals.

Burlington Equestrian Team

2013-present

Showed horses for the Burlington Equestrian Team at the district meet and state.

Work Experience:

Hampton Inn-Burlington

2014-present

Working in the housekeeping department cleaning and service rooms for guests. Also, tending the hotel area by vacuuming, mopping and taking out the garbage.

Awards:

Outstanding Teen

2014-2015

Was chosen for exemplary leadership skills and involvement in 4-H to represent Racine County 4-H junior leaders in parades and the fair.

Kiwanis Award 2012-2015

Awarded first place for written piece about experiences in 4-H

WI 4-H & Youth Conference

2012-2013

Selected to represent Racine County 4-H at a youth leadership conference in Madison, Wisconsin. Also, presented a seminar on community service.

Skills:

- Complete tasks with little guidance
- Good work ethic and communication skills