



## 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 14 – 18 years old 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:**

- Coordinate, plan and conduct Achievement Day
- Use Plan of Action or Service Learning to align with the County Ambassador Handbook
- Attend a 4-H county/state leadership conference or workshop
- Lead the planning and coordination of a countywide event
- Conduct club officer installation
- Assist with countywide events
  - o Officers Retreat
  - o 4-H Expo
  - o Communications Day
  - o Fishing Derby
  - o Skills Days
  - o Food Fashion and Fun
  - o Others

### **Also is required to:**

- Review and agree to 18 month action calendar with the County Ambassador Advisor and attend scheduled meetings
- Dress appropriately when serving as a County Ambassador Candidate per 4-H Dress Guidelines



## 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. Give the whole packet to club organizational leader or a project leader who will review and certify your involvement and ask them to complete the bottom portion of this cover sheet.**

**Complete applications (including this form and the components listed above) are due to the Merced County 4-H Office by April 15 by 5 pm. Incomplete applications will not be considered for evaluation.**

***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.***

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 civic engagement activities in 4-H:

- Leadership
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Civic Engagement



**2. Three (3) Letters of Recommendation and/or Three Recommendation Forms (see attached):**

- Three letters from adults who have knowledge of your leadership experience, skills and character. At least two 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***



### 4-H County Ambassador Recommendation Form

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 5 p.m. on April 15<sup>th</sup>.** This is to be completed by a non-family member. 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     4-H Adult Volunteer

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 applicant has participate. 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 applicant demonstrated that shows he/she is 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 an All Star?</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 he/ she 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

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_