

Information for Completing a North Dakota 4-H Ambassador Application



Ambassadors are selected two times a year at events called Elections and Selections. Youth are judged on the application (25%) and interview process (75%).

Completed Ambassador applications are due:

- **For Elections** at Extension Youth Conference (EYC) – May 15 to the Center for 4-H Youth Development
- **For Selections** at 4-H Camp in November – Oct. 15 to the Center for 4-H Youth Development

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1. Complete the application form (PB822).
2. Copy and give the reference form to three individuals (one must be an Extension staff member). Ask them to complete and return the reference form to your county Extension office or the Center for 4-H by the deadline.
3. Put EYC (June) or Selections (November) dates on your calendar to attend the interview process.
 - EYC is the third week of June on the NDSU campus.
 - Selections is at 4-H Camp near Washburn the Saturday before Thanksgiving.
 - The interview process consists of:
 - Formal interview (30%)
 - Impromptu speech (15%)
 - Problem solving with a group of candidates (15%)
 - Team building (working as a team member) at Selections or formal speech to EYC delegation at Elections (10%)
 - Votes from current Ambassadors at Selections or votes from EYC delegation at Elections (5%)
4. Be ready to show others the creative leader you are!

Mail to: Center for 4-H, Ambassador Applications
NDSU Dept. 7280
P.O. Box 6050
Fargo, ND 58108-6050

*Turn into the local county Extension office or
email to: holly.halvorson@ndsu.edu*

Points to consider as you apply for the North Dakota 4-H Ambassador program:

■ The North Dakota 4-H Ambassadors have five general purposes:

- Assist in the planning of statewide 4-H youth programs
- Secure opportunities for older youth in 4-H
- Promote 4-H to all people
- Improve the 4-H youth program through leadership
- Act as a sounding board for 4-H youth ideas and concerns

■ Ambassadors will:

- Develop leadership opportunities and skills
- Gain teamwork successes
- Improve personal confidence
- Be provided uniform shirts and a nametag

■ Ambassadors need to:

- Share ideas
- Be willing to work as a team member
- Expend personal resources, such as time and money. While most expenses may be reimbursed, Ambassadors pay for some of their own expenses (some meals, additional uniform top, khaki bottoms) for participation in the North Dakota 4-H Ambassador program. Cost should not be a barrier to participation. Contact NDSU Extension and we will work with you to find a solution.

■ Ambassadors must:

- Attend the Elections event in June during EYC or Selections event in November at 4-H Camp near Washburn
- Be 16 years old at the Elections or Selections event
- Participate in no less than five designated activities per year. These activities include: Extension Youth Conference; Ambassador retreats; and county, district or regional level activities that promote and support the 4-H program in North Dakota.

Visit North Dakota 4-H on-line at www.ndsu.edu/4h

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North Dakota 4-H Ambassador Application

Due:

- For Extension Youth Conference – May 15 to the Center for 4-H Youth Development
- For Selections – Oct. 15 to the Center for 4-H Youth Development

General Information

Full name _____

Date of birth ____/____/____

Age _____

Gender M F

Complete home address _____

Phone number (cell) _____ (home) _____

Email _____

Parent or guardian's name(s) _____

Parent or guardian's address _____

4-H county _____

Number of years in 4-H _____ Year in school _____

Name of school _____

College students only:

Course of study in school _____

Shirt size (for ordering purposes if selected) _____

References

Secure three references (one must be from an Extension staff member). Provide a form to each person. Ask references to return the form directly to your county Extension office or the Center for 4-H Youth Development.

If references are not received, your application is not complete and you will not be considered for an interview.

Individuals you asked to complete a reference form are:

Reference name _____

Relationship to applicant _____ Phone number _____

Reference name _____

Relationship to applicant _____ Phone number _____

Reference name _____

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Application

Please answer the following questions in no more than four typed pages.

1. 4-H Experiences

- I. Please talk about your involvement in 4-H. How involved are you: minimally, average or do you go above what others might do. Talk about your experiences at the club, county, and/or even state and national level.
- II. Describe with examples of how 4-H is a rewarding experience for you.

2. Leadership Experiences

- I. Talk about your leaderships experience(s). Have you been an officer in your club? Have you led others in 4-H events or other programs? What experience(s) do you have working with a team? (Think about these experiences in 4-H, school, your community and other activities).
- II. What are the rewards you've experienced in leadership? How involved are you: minimally, average or do you go above what others might do. Talk about your experiences at the club, county, and/or even state and national level

3. Personal Statement

- I. Describe why you want to be an Ambassador and how you feel you could contribute to the organization. How do you see the Ambassador program contributing to growing your 4-H story?

Name (print) _____

I have prepared this application personally. To the best of my knowledge, this information is truthful and accurate. I understand that once my application is complete, I am able to attend and run at the event for which I applied. If selected, I am willing to accept the responsibilities and duties of a North Dakota 4-H Ambassador.

Date ____/____/____ Signature of applicant _____

I verify that the 4-H member is a member in good standing.

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Applicant's name _____

In what ways have you been associated with the applicant? _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

If selected, this applicant may be planning county, regional or state events; leading discussion groups; teaching workshops; working with youth, peers and adults; and promoting 4-H in general and at local and state events. Please write one to three paragraphs about the qualities of this applicant and how the applicant would be an asset to our program. Tell us something unique about the applicant that would make the individual stand out above the rest.

Points to address in your writing:

1. Leadership Experiences:
 - * Describe this individual's significant leadership experiences/roles in 4-H and/or other programs whether individually or as a team
2. Teamwork:
 - * What are some examples of this youth working in a team?
3. Values and Ethics: Is this youth responsible, dependable and respected in the community? Give an example.
4. Public Speaking Skills: Have you seen growth in this youth's speaking skills?
5. Problem Solving Skills: Please provide an example of how this youth has developed problem-solving skills.

Do you recommend the applicant to be a North Dakota 4-H Ambassador? Yes No

Printed name _____

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Title _____ Phone _____

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