

# 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 percent) and interview process (75 percent).

## Completed Ambassador applications are due:

- **For Elections** at Extension Youth Conference (EYC) – May 5 to your county Extension office or May 15 to the Center for 4-H Youth Development
- **For Selections** at 4-H Camp in November – Oct. 5 to your county Extension office or Oct. 15 to the Center for 4-H Youth Development

1. Complete the application form (PB822) by the date listed on the form.
2. Copy and give the reference form to three individuals (one must be an **Extension staff member**) you select. Ask them to complete and return the reference form to your county Extension office or the Center for 4-H by the deadline for the selection process.
3. Put EYC (June) or Selections (November) dates on your calendar to attend the interview process.

- EYC is the third week of June on NDSU campus
- Selections is at 4-H Camp in Washburn the Saturday before Thanksgiving
- The interview process consists of:
  - Formal interview (30 percent)
  - Impromptu speech (15 percent)
  - Problem solving with a group of candidates (15 percent)
  - Teambuilding (working as a team member) at Selections or formal speech to EYC delegation at Elections (10 percent)
  - Votes from current Ambassadors at selection or votes from EYC delegation at Elections (5 percent)

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  
*or turn into the local county Extension office*

## 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 gain:

- Leadership opportunities and skills
- Teamwork successes
- Personal confidence
- Training in recreation, technology, facilitation, team building, etc.

### ■ Ambassadors need to:

- Share ideas
- Make new friends
- Expend personal resources, such as time and money. While most expenses may be reimbursed, Ambassadors pay for some of their own expenses (uniforms, meals) for participation in the North Dakota 4-H Ambassador program.

### ■ Ambassadors must:

- Attend the Elections event in June during EYC or Selections event in November at 4-H Camp in Washburn
- Be 16 years old at the Elections or Selections event
- Participate in no less than five designated activities per year. These activities may include: Extension Youth Conference; Ambassador retreats; and county, district or regional level activities that promote and support the 4-H program in North Dakota, such as various leadership workshops, State Fair, judging events, 4-H camps, county fairs, 4-H youth activity days, Communication Arts events and county awards nights.

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## General Information

Full name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Gender     M     F

Complete home address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

## References

Secure three references (one must be from a **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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

## Application

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

### 1. 4-H Experiences

- I. Summarize your involvement in 4-H (local, county, state and national levels). Do not list ribbons.
- II. What has been your most rewarding 4-H experience and why?

### 2. Leadership Experiences

- I. Summarize your leadership responsibilities and/or positions (in 4-H, school, your community and other activities).
- II. What has been your most fulfilling leadership experience and why?

### 3. Personal Statement

- I. What do you think you can contribute to the North Dakota 4-H Ambassador program?
- II. Why do you want to be a North Dakota 4-H Ambassador?

Name printed \_\_\_\_\_

I have prepared this application personally. To the best of my knowledge, this information is truthful and accurate.  
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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Extension agent from applicant's enrolled 4-H county.

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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. Qualities we look for in applicants include: leadership, ability to work in teams, responsibility, dependability, respect earned from adults and peers, public speaking skills, problem-solving skills and enthusiasm.

Please write one or two paragraphs about the qualities of this applicant and how he or she would be an asset to our program. Tell us something we may not know about the applicant that would make him or her stand out above the rest.

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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