

Dodge County 4-H Ambassador Program

OVERVIEW - 2016

The primary goal of the Dodge County 4-H Ambassador Program is building communication skills to be utilized in an advocacy role for the Dodge County 4-H Program as well as in other aspects of the ambassador's life.

The role of a Dodge County 4-H Ambassador is demanding and requires older 4-H youth who are dedicated, mature, dependable and interested in the purpose of the 4-H Ambassador program. Up to four 4-H Ambassadors will be selected annually. This is a one year commitment from January thru December with an opportunity to re-apply annually.

Application forms are due to the UNL Extension Office in Dodge County by November 1, 2016.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Youth 16 - 18 years of age on January 1, 2016.
- Enrolled as a Dodge County 4-H member.
- Must be an active member of 4-H, either independent or with a club for at least one full year prior to application.

ROLE OF THE DODGE COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADORS:

ADVOCATES:

Ambassadors will represent and promote the Dodge County 4-H and Nebraska 4-H programs at various events such as the Dodge County Fair, Fremont 4-H Fair and other local/regional 4-H events.

ROLE MODELS:

Ambassadors are role models for other youth. They will be respectful, polite and helpful with other 4-H members, adult leaders, and UNL Extension staff.

TEACHERS:

Ambassadors will have the opportunity to assist with events throughout the county. Their purpose is to assist in educating youth and adults about the 4-H program.

The Dodge County 4-H Ambassador program strives to promote 4-H and encourages youth to become actively involved in their communities. The Dodge County 4-H Ambassadors volunteer their time to assist with a number of county, regional and state events and programs. By assisting with these functions, the Ambassadors will have opportunities to enhance their advocacy and leadership roles with the Dodge County 4-H program and to develop an increased interest in volunteer work and community service.

AMBASSADOR EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Serve as a positive role model to all 4-H youth.
- Assist with 4-H events at the Fremont 4-H Fair, Dodge County Fair and other miscellaneous county, regional or state 4-H events as a Dodge County 4-H Ambassador.
- Represent the Dodge County 4-H Ambassadors during the 4-H Council Pancake Feed at the Dodge County Fair.
- Represent the Dodge County 4-H Ambassadors in the Dodge County Fair Parade.
- Assist with the Dodge County 4-H Achievement Celebration in November.
- Attend University of Nebraska-Lincoln Communications Workshop (to be scheduled).
- Develop testimonials about 4-H and its positive impact and submitted with a press release to the local media.
- Serve a 4-H spokesperson during a radio interview.
- Attend and present on 4-H at a local service club luncheon.
- Regularly maintain and wear the 4-H Ambassador shirt and nametag while serving as a representative.
- Maintain continued communication with the UNL Extension staff.
- Be on time to all scheduled commitments.

DODGE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Each Dodge County 4-H Ambassador will receive a \$500 college scholarship if all duties are fulfilled within the one-year time period. 4-H members may be an Ambassador for more than one year in which the college scholarship dollars would accumulate and be awarded at the start of their college career. In order to receive the college scholarship dollars each 4-H Ambassador will send a proof of college registration to the UNL Extension Office in Dodge County. Once received and all duties have been fulfilled and signed off by UNL Extension staff, a check for the scholarship amount will be sent to the 4-H Ambassador directly.