



Washington County 4-H Ambassador Program

OVERVIEW - 2026

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

PURPOSE:

The Washington County 4-H Ambassador Program strives to promote 4-H and encourages youth to become actively involved in their communities. The Washington 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 Washington County 4-H program and to develop an increased interest in volunteer work and community service.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Youth 13 - 15 years of age on January 1, 2026
- Enrolled as a Washington 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.
- Up to FIVE 4-H Ambassadors will be selected annually.
- The program has an annual application process with an opportunity to re-apply annually if eligible.

Year	Application Due	Results Announced	Service Period
2026	September 30, 2025	at Achievement Celebration (Oct. 12, 2025)	Nov. 1, 2025-Aug. 31, 2026

WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

- Each Washington County 4-H Junior Ambassador will receive a **\$200 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.
- To receive the college scholarship dollars, 4-H Ambassadors will:
 - Completes the "Fulfillment of Duties", submits to the Nebraska Extension in Washington County Office and acquires signature of Extension 4-H staff.
 - Send a proof of college registration to the Nebraska Extension Office in Washington County.
 - Once received, a check for the scholarship amount will be sent to the 4-H Ambassador directly from the Washington County 4-H Council.



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FULFILLMENT OF DUTIES - 2026

JUNIOR AMBASSADOR: _____

DUTIES FULFILLED: _____

Extension 4-H Educator/Assistant Signature

GENERAL DUTIES (ALL must be completed):

- _____ Serve as a positive role model to all 4-H youth.
- _____ On time to all scheduled commitments.
- _____ Regularly maintain and wear the 4-H Ambassador shirt and nametag while serving as a representative.
- _____ Maintain communication with the Nebraska Extension staff.

COMMUNICATION DUTIES (at least ONE must be completed):

- _____ Attend UNL Communications & 4-H Advocacy Workshop.
- _____ Develop a testimonial about 4-H and its positive impact and submit with a press release to the local media.

COMMUNITY SERVICE (at least ONE must be completed):

- _____ Assist at Washington County Fair Clean-Up Day (Sunday before WCF).
 - _____ Develop & implement a community service opportunity with all of the WC 4-H Ambassadors.
 - _____ Represent the Washington County 4-H Ambassadors at a miscellaneous community service event.
- Please list: _____

4-H EVENTS (at least TWO must be completed):

- _____ Represent the Washington County 4-H Ambassadors during the 4-H Council Pancake Feed at the WCF.
 - _____ Represent the Washington County 4-H Ambassadors in the Trunk or Treat.
 - _____ Assist with the Washington County 4-H Achievement Celebration (TBA October/November).
 - _____ Assist with other miscellaneous county, regional or state 4-H events as a Washington County 4-H Ambassador.
- Please list: _____

4-H Activities (at least TWO must be completed – each summer camp & WCF event counts for ONE):

- _____ Assist with 4-H summer camps and/or workshops. Please list: _____
- _____ Assist with 4-H events at the Washington County Fair. Please list: _____



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APPLICATION – 2026

Name: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone #: _____

(E-mail is the preferred communication)

Age: _____ (Jan 1, 2026) Grade: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

4-H Club: _____ 4-H Club Leader: _____

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- Application to be submitted to the Nebraska Extension in Washington County Office, 597 Grant Street, Suite 200, Blair NE 68008.

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ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- In one paragraph identify the characteristics you have that would make you a good 4-H Ambassador for the Washington County 4-H Program.
- List the 4-H projects you are currently enrolled in.
- List other interests you have within your school, church and community and describe your involvement in each throughout the year.
- Describe your most significant 4-H club project and explain why it was important to you.
- What is the leadership experience that has benefited you the most? Please describe.
- What have you learned about leadership which will be useful to you in the future?
- As a 4-H member, you have participated in one or more community service activities or projects either as an individual, as a group member, or in a club type project. Please describe this community service experience and how the community benefitted as well as how you personally benefitted as a volunteer.

WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR COMMITMENT

I have read the Washington County 4-H Ambassador OVERVIEW and fully understand the role, expectations, and responsibilities of being a Washington County 4-H Ambassador. I would like to serve as a 4-H Ambassador for the coming year am willing to devote my time and effort to this responsibility. I know this includes many communication opportunities, participating & assisting with county activities and events, and assisting with marketing the Washington County 4-H Program. I will make all reasonable efforts to carry out these duties and am willing to put 4-H high on my priority list for the coming year.

4-H Member Signature

Date

As a parent, I am willing to allow _____ to serve as a Washington County 4-H Ambassador and understand that the responsibilities of an Ambassador will require a commitment of time and effort.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date