



## 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 16 - 18 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.

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2026	September 30, 2025	at Achievement Celebration (Oct. 12, 2025)	Nov. 1, 2025-Aug. 31, 2026

### **4-H AMBASSADOR KING & 4-H AMBASSADOR QUEEN OPPORTUNITY**

- Male applicants will have the option to apply for the 4-H Ambassador King and female applicants will have the option to apply for the 4-H Ambassador Queen.
- Those selected will have no additional responsibilities other than the 4-H Ambassador duties but will carry the title of "Washington County 4-H Ambassador King" and "Washington County 4-H Ambassador Queen".
- The King and Queen titles are optional when applying for 4-H Ambassador. Applicants will need to indicate whether or not they prefer to be included in the selection process of King or Queen. From the applications, the top male will be selected as "King" and the top female will be selected as "Queen" based on those who are applying for the titles. If no one applies for the title, there will be no representative. Regardless, up to five 4-H Ambassadors (which include the King and Queen) will be selected annually.

### **WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP**

- Each Washington 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.
- 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

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 TWO 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.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Serve as a 4-H spokesperson during a radio interview.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend and present on 4-H at a local service club luncheon.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE (at least TWO 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.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Promote 4-H (IE: visit a classroom, read to students and distribute 4-H promotional material).
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Represent the Washington County 4-H Ambassadors at a miscellaneous community service event.
- Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

### **4-H EVENTS (at least THREE 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.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Represent the Washington County 4-H Ambassadors in the Washington County Fair Parade.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 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 FOUR 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## Washington County 4-H Ambassador Program

# APPLICATION – 2026

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

(E-mail is the preferred communication)

King/Queen Option (X): \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO Age: \_\_\_\_\_ (Jan 1, 2026) Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

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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