

Dodge County 4-H Ambassador Program

OVERVIEW –Year: 2024



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.

Applications are due to the Dodge County Extension Office by October 24, 2023.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST BE:

- Youth 16-18 years of age on January 1, 2024.
- An enrolled Dodge County 4-H member.
- An active member of Dodge County 4-H for at least three full years prior to application.

Up to four Dodge County 4-H Ambassadors will be selected annually for a one year commitment from January through December with an opportunity to re-apply annually.

PURPOSE:

- The Dodge County 4-H Ambassador program strives to promote 4-H and encourages youth to become actively involved in their communities. 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 events, 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.

ROLE OF DODGE COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADORS:

- **ADVOCATES:**
 - Ambassadors will represent and promote Dodge County 4-H and Nebraska 4-H programs at various events such as the Dodge County Fair, Fremont 4-H Expo and other local/regional 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 Nebraska Extension staff.
- **MENTORS:**
 - Ambassadors will have the opportunity to assist with events throughout the county. The purpose is to assist in educating youth and adults about the 4-H program.

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, during which time the college scholarship dollars will accumulate and be awarded at the start of their college career. In order to receive the college scholarship payment, 4-H Ambassadors must send proof of college registration to the Dodge County Extension Office. After this is received and all duties have been fulfilled and signed off by Nebraska Extension staff, a check for the scholarship amount will be sent directly to the 4-H Ambassador.

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Name: _____
Parent/Guardian: _____
Address: _____
E-mail Address: _____ (E-mail is the preferred communication)
Cell Phone #: _____
4-H Age as of Jan. 1 2024: _____ School Grade: _____
Polo Shirt Size: _____ Years in 4-H: _____
4-H Club (please note if Independent): _____
4-H Club Leader (not required for Independent Members): _____

Eligibility:

- Youth 16-18 years of age on January 1, 2024.
- Enrolled as a Dodge County 4-H member.
- An active member of Dodge County 4-H for at least three full years prior to application.
- Deadline for the application is **4:30 p.m. October 24, 2023.**
- Mail or deliver to the Dodge County Extension Office, 1206 W. 23rd Street, Fremont, NE 68025.
- 4-H members will be given the opportunity to re-apply annually.

If eligible, on as many additional pages as needed, answer the following questions:

- In a brief essay, describe how your experiences and characteristics would make you a suitable candidate for the Dodge County Ambassador Program.
- State the current 4-H project areas you are involved in and why you have chosen them.
- Tell us about the non 4-H related organizations you are involved with (ie: school, church and community activities).
- As a current 4-H member, have you taken part in one or more community service projects? Please describe how this experience benefited the community as well as the role you played as a volunteer.
- Describe a leadership experience that benefited you most. How will this experience help you if you are selected to serve as a Dodge County 4-H Ambassador?
- In what ways will your leadership, community service and other experiences help you in your future?

Dodge County 4-H Ambassador Commitment

I have read the Dodge County 4-H Ambassador OVERVIEW/DUTIES and fully understand the role, expectations, and responsibilities of being a Dodge County 4-H Ambassador. I would like to serve as a 4-H Ambassador for the coming year and am willing to devote my time and effort to this responsibility. I know this includes many communication responsibilities, participating & assisting with county activities and events, and assisting with marketing the Dodge 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 Dodge County 4-H Ambassador and understand that the responsibilities of an Ambassador will require a commitment of time and effort.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date