



# 2024-2025 MERRICK COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADORS



## Program Information

The purpose of the Merrick County 4-H Ambassador Program is to recognize and award outstanding youth in Merrick County who exemplify the qualities of true leaders while creating awareness for the 4-H Program.

- **ELIGIBILITY**

- Open to all youth 4-H age 15 –18 (as of January 1, 2024) who are currently enrolled in the Merrick County 4-H Program and have been a 4-H member in good standing in the previous 4-H year.
- Ambassador alums are welcome to continue to work with teams throughout their 4-H career.

- **EXPECTED DUTIES**

- Serve as Ambassador for two (2) years beginning at the 2023 Achievement Party and ending at the 2025 Achievement Party. Official years of service are 2024 and 2025.
- Attend 4-H events held throughout the term such as but not limited to: Achievement Party, Pancake Feed, County Day at State Fair, Open House, Promote National 4-H Week or Nebraska 4-H Month by visiting area schools and other events, hand out ribbons at county fair and contests, grant interviews with the media, assist with Focus on 4-H events, etc.
- Possibly fill youth positions on the 4-H Council or attend meetings to gain first-hand knowledge of the workings of the 4-H Council and be involved in planning upcoming events.

- **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- Submit official entry application, short bio, and Nebraska 4-H Senior Achievement Application to the Extension Office by:  
**5:00 p.m., Monday, October 2, 2023.**

- **JUDGING**

- Contestants will be judged on the following criteria during a personal interview, a prepared speech and impromptu questions.
- Categories will be scored as follows:

- **Personality & Appearance**
  - Personal Interview
  - Ability to communicate and interact comfortably with the public in a mature, friendly, and positive way
  
- **Speech**
  - Contestants will give a prepared 2 – 5 minute speech on "*What 4-H Means to Me*"
  - Answer impromptu questions after speech
  
- **4-H Knowledge**
  - Answer Questions regarding 4-H History & Purpose
  - Recite the 4-H Pledge and Motto
  - Achievement Application—4-H and leadership experiences, community involvement/service learning experiences, and career spark
  - Ability to explain the 4-H program and projects to all individuals including those unfamiliar with 4-H
  - Ability to explain reasons for livestock handling and care practices to individuals who may hold such practices in a negative light (even if a 4-H member is not active in any livestock project, they should have a reasonable understanding of these projects so they can effectively represent them as necessary)
  
- **SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT**
  - The 2024-2025 Merrick County 4-H Ambassadors will be named during the 2023 4-H Achievement Party
  
- **AWARDS**
  - Each ambassador will receive the following:
    - \$500 Scholarship
    - Merrick County Ambassador Jacket
    - Merrick County Ambassador Polo Shirt (2)
    - Merrick County Ambassador Name Tag
    - Photo sitting for a formal portrait to be used for publicity purposes



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## OFFICIAL APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SIZE JACKET: \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE POLO: \_\_\_\_\_ *(both may run true to size or a little small)*

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to become a Merrick County 4-H Ambassador? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m., Monday, October 2, 2023.**

**Submit:**

1. Official Application
2. Nebraska 4-H Senior Achievement Application
3. Short Bio which includes: "What 4-H means to me" and "How can I advocate for 4-H"

All applications must be submitted to the Merrick County Extension Office or emailed to [merrick@unl.edu](mailto:merrick@unl.edu) by **5:00 p.m., Monday, October 2, 2023.**