



Washington County 4-H Ambassador Program

OVERVIEW – 2024

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, 2024.
- 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 |
|------|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 2024 | September 18, 2023 | During National 4-H Week (First Week in Oct) | Oct. 1, 2023– Aug. 31, 2024 |

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 will 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 - 2024

AMBASSADOR: _____

DUTIES FULFILLED: _____

Extension 4-H Educator/Assistant Signature

As a Washington County 4-H Ambassador, you will receive a \$500 Washington County 4-H Council College Scholarship if all of your duties have been fulfilled. A checklist of duties is listed below. Please indicate the duties you have fulfilled and return to the Nebraska Extension in Washington County Office, 597 Grant Street, Suite 200, Blair NE 68008 by August 31, 2018. If you have duties yet to be fulfilled, please contact the Extension Office for additional opportunities. In addition, you will need to 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.

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 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 4-H Lead A Hand Day (Held in the Spring).
- _____ Develop & implement a community service opportunity with the all of the WC 4-H Ambassadors.
- _____ Promote 4-H (IE: Visit a classroom, read to students and distribute 4-H promotional material.)

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 Washington County Fair.
- _____ Represent the Washington County 4-H Ambassadors in the Washington County Fair Parade.
- _____ Assist with the Washington County 4-H Achievement Celebration (TBA Sunday, November/December).
- _____ 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 – 2024

Name: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone #: _____
(E-mail is the preferred communication)

King/Queen Option (X): _____ YES _____ NO Age: _____ (Jan 1, 2024) 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 identifying 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 benefited as well as how you personally benefited 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 and 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