



Washington County 4-H Junior Ambassador Program

OVERVIEW – 2024

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PURPOSE:

The primary goal of the Washington County 4-H Junior Ambassador Program is to develop leadership skills and build communication skills to be utilized in an advocacy role for the Washington County 4-H Program as well as in other aspects of the Junior Ambassador's life. Through this program, 4-H Staff members are committed to offering you:

- increased understanding of your leadership skills and abilities
- increased confidence in yourself
- better understanding of the Washington County 4-H Program

ELIGIBILITY:

- Youth 13 - 15 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

JUNIOR AMBASSADOR EXPECTATIONS:

- Be respectful of other Junior Ambassadors, other 4-H members, parents, and 4-H staff at all times.
- Give 100% effort.
- Remember that success of the Junior Ambassador team is measured by team performance, NOT individual performance.
- Be open to learning new things and new perspectives and viewpoints.
- Conduct yourself in a professional and dignified manner.
- Serve as a positive role model to all 4-H youth.
- Be on time to all scheduled commitments.
- Actively participate in Junior Ambassador and other 4-H functions.
- Maintain communication with 4-H Staff.
- Attend AT LEAST 60% of meeting with excused absence.



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FULFILLMENT OF DUTIES - 2024

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 a 4-H spokesperson during a radio interview.
- _____ Participate in 4-H Public Speaking Contest.

COMMUNITY SERVICE (at least TWO must be completed)

- _____ Attend Washington County 4-H Kick-Off Event.
- _____ Develop & implement a community service opportunity with the all of the WC 4-H Ambassadors.
- _____ Attend Annual Clean Up Day at the Washington County Fairgrounds.
- _____ 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: _____
- _____ Miscellaneous support.



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APPLICATION – 2024

Name: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____

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

Age: _____ (Jan 1, 2024) 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 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