State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program

4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program Guidelines
The 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program is designed to promote 4-H and specifically 4-H Shooting Sports. Youth selected to serve as Ambassadors will receive training to become advocates for the program at county, regional, and state levels. Some Ambassadors may be chosen to participate in the National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute for additional training to support national events as well. Ambassadors provide public relations support and serve as spokespersons for the 4-H Shooting Sports Program, helping to make 4-H and the 4-H Shooting Sports Programs more visible. Through the program, Ambassadors develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations and team building.

Selection Procedure

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<td>4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador</td>
<td>Grade 9-11 at time of application</td>
<td>Application must be submitted on line by 11:59 PM CST, February 1, 2015. Interview March 28, 2015.</td>
<td>Evaluation and interview at State level. Up to 20 selected with geographic disbursement considered.</td>
<td>Application questions and up to two pages of support material (see application for format)</td>
<td>Must be currently enrolled in 4-H Shooting Sports and have at least 3 years enrollment in 4-H Shooting Sports. Up to two members may be selected to participate in the National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Institute (date, location TBA) (must be at least 15 years of age but not over 18 on January 1 of current year).</td>
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PURPOSE, GOALS, OBJECTIVES

The 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program provides an avenue for 4-H teens to:

1. A goal of the 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors program is to provide opportunities for youth to build character and develop their leadership skills.
2. Represent 4-H and specifically 4-H Shooting Sports for public relations purposes at special events, interacting with 4-H groups, community groups, schools, media, and potential program donors and supporters.
3. Serve as spokespersons for the 4-H Shooting Sports program at their respective levels of participation – national, regional, state, county.
4. Develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations, organization, and team building.
5. Assist in maintaining relations with 4-H professionals and Extension Administrators as well as past, present and future program donors and supporters.
6. Be a source of youth input to the state 4-H Shooting Sports program.
7. Continue and expand their involvement in 4-H Shooting Sports beyond the shooting skills and competitive levels.
8. Stay actively connected with the 4-H Shooting Sports program as they enter their collegiate years and further into adulthood.

Expectations

Youth selected as 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors will be representing over 320,000 4-H youth across the nation. What you say and do is very important. As an Ambassador you will have opportunities to meet with people from a range of backgrounds—from 4-Hers just starting out to potential donors who are CEO’s of companies or organizations. Regardless of the audience, you always need to put your best foot forward. The way you dress, the way you talk and act are very important when you are serving as an Ambassador.

- Ambassadors are expected to uphold the 4-H Code of Conduct at all times.
- Be on time, so plan to be early to any event.
- Respond promptly to any emails or phone calls from the Program Coordinator and your chaperone for the event.
- It is very important that thank you notes are sent immediately following an event. Names and addresses will be provided so that this obligation can be fulfilled.
- Events may be tiring, but an Ambassador must always be cheerful and ready to respond positively to everyone.
- A mature attitude and outlook is required.
- Ambassadors may be asked by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator or the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee to serve as a representative at a local, regional, state, or national event.

Go to [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities) for information on the application process.