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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*If unable to attend State 4-H Recognition Day in person on Saturday, April 1, 2017, applicants should submit no more than TWO applications and contact Cayla Taylor, cayla@iastate.edu, 515-294-1877 by February 22 to set up video or teleconference interviews. If applicant has submitted multiple applications and then find they cannot attend interviews on April 1, they must choose up to TWO of their submitted applications and contact Cayla Taylor ASAP to set up video or teleconference interviews. Video interviews will be conducted by 4-H Youth Field Specialists and submitted before March 20.
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 for information on the application process.

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