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Dear Johnson County 4-H Ambassador Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying for Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors for the 2026 4-H year. The Ambassador Program is looking for 4-H'ers who are passionate about 4-H and who are able to commit 4-8 hours each month to promote 4-H in Johnson County.

Our Ambassadors meet the 3rd Thursday of each month for planning or training at the Extension office from 6:30-8:00 PM. Applications are accepted for 4-H'ers from 14-18 years old (before January 1, 2026). Our Ambassadors serve for a one-year commitment and will have the option to re-apply each year following. In addition, first-year Ambassadors are required to attend the Kansas State 4-H Ambassador training typically held in mid-February.

Attached you will find the following:

1. Ambassador Application Form
2. Ambassador Essay/Speech Information
3. 4-H Club Leader Recommendation Confidential Form
4. Kansas State 4-H Ambassador Job Description that Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors use as general guidelines for our program.

The application process will include the following:

1. Application form/essay completed by 4-H'er due Wednesday, September 10, 2025, by 5:00 PM to the Johnson County Extension office.
2. 4-H Club Leader Recommendation Form to Johnson County Extension office by Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 5:00 PM.
3. Applicant will receive an email to schedule leader and team interviews to be held Wednesday, September 18, 2025, in the evening.
4. Applicant will be notified of application status no later than September 25, 2025.

All applicants must be present at their scheduled team interview on Wednesday, September 18 (evening times to be scheduled) and be prepared to give their essay/speech they submitted with their Ambassador application.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the Johnson County 4-H office at 913-715-7000 or email Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org or Cyla.Gardner@jocogov.org

We are looking forward to a great 2026 for our Ambassador program!

Johnson County 4-H Ambassador Application 2026 (please print)

Name:_____Age: (must be 14 before 01/01/26)_____Birthday:____/____/_____

Address:_____City:_____Zip:_____

4-H'er Phone:_____ 4-H'er Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Names:_____

Parent Phone:_____ Parent Email:_____

Years in 4-H: _____4-H Club:_____

Club Leader's Name:_____

School attending:_____Grade:_____

1. List leadership responsibilities you have had in 4-H:

2. Explain why you want to become a Johnson County 4-H Ambassador:

3. What strengths and talents would you bring to the Ambassador program?

4. List your 4-H projects that you are actively involved in:

5. Describe an important 4-H experience you have had and how it has impacted you personally:

6. The Ambassador program is a leadership program. How can you make a difference if you become a part of this program?

Ambassador Essay/Speech

1. Please prepare and submit with your application a short essay 500 words or less on the following topic:

   What impact has 4-H had upon my life?

   Also, be prepared to speak on your essay at your team interview.

AND

2. Please prepare a one minute "elevator speech" (this does not have to be turned in with application, just be prepared to give this at team interview) answering this question:

   "What is 4-H?"

2026 Johnson County Ambassador Application
Confidential Report
Club Leader Recommendation

Dear Club Leader: Thank you for taking time to complete this form. Please return in **sealed** envelope to the Extension Office by Monday, September 10, 2025, at 5:00 PM. The application will not be complete for consideration without this form.

Ambassador Applicant Name:_____

4-H Club:_____

To be completed by 4-H Club leader. Please rate the following items on the above named 4-H member with regard to your evaluation as an applicant for the Johnson County 4-H Ambassador Program. Please use the following scale: E=Excellent, G=Good, F=Fair, P=Poor

1. Club member in good standing_____
2. Completes projects_____
3. Is responsible and has good follow through_____
4. Leadership skills_____
   Examples of leadership:

5. 4-H participation_____
6. Parental support_____
7. Understands commitment to Ambassador program_____
8. Representation of 4-H_____
9. Overall assessment_____
10. Any additional comments:

The information on this recommendation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____ 4-H Club Leader Telephone: _____
Applicants will not be considered until this form has been received no later than Wednesday, September 10th by 5:00 PM. Thank you for your support of the Ambassador program. If you have any questions, please call the Johnson County 4-H office at 913-715-7000.

Kansas 4-H Ambassador Job Description

Purpose:
Work together with a team of Ambassadors, to create public awareness of the Johnson County 4-H Youth Development Program.

Responsibilities:
- Promote 4-H to all audiences; tell the 4-H story through media and personal appearances
- Organize 4-H promotional events and activities
- Develop communication skills
- Promote county 4-H events
- Encourage financial support to 4-H
- Serve on the County 4-H Promotion Committee
- Develop an understanding of Kansas and County 4-H programs
- Support K-State Research and Extension
- Network with non-4-H Groups

Qualifications:
- High School Freshman to age 18 (*Please note that you can apply for Johnson County 4-H Ambassador Program if you are 14 years of age before January 1, 2025)
- Enthusiasm for 4-H
- Have an interest in promoting the 4-H Program
- Ability to communicate with youth and adults
- Ability to accept and follow through with responsibilities

Contact Person:
- County Ambassador Advisor and County Extension Agent

Resources and Training Available:
- State 4-H Ambassador Training – mid-February
- 4-H Ambassador Program Guidebook for Ambassador Advisors
- Local marketing and media professionals

Time Required:
- One-year term (*Each Ambassador will serve for one-year term beginning January 2025-December 2025. Ambassadors may reapply for next year.)
- 4-8 hours per month

Benefits of the position:
Increased visibility and enhanced image for the Johnson County 4-H Program

How will the 4-H Ambassador Benefit:
Through this experience, 4-H Ambassadors will have opportunities to learn, practice and improve communication, community service, leadership, marketing, employability and job skills.

*Denotes differences for Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors Program