



Dear Johnson County 4-H Ambassador Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying to be a Johnson County 4-H Ambassador for the 2026-2027 4-H year. The Ambassador Program is looking for 4-H'ers who are passionate about 4-H and can commit 4-8 hours each month to promoting 4-H in Johnson County.

Our Ambassadors meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Extension office from 7:00-8:30 PM for planning or training. Applications are accepted for 4-H'ers from 14-18 years old (before January 1, 2027). Our Ambassadors serve a one-year term and may reapply each year thereafter.

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 September 10, 2026, by 5:00 PM to the Johnson County Extension office.
2. 4-H Club Leader Recommendation Form due to the Johnson County Extension office by September 10, 2026, at 5:00 PM.
3. Applicant will receive an email to schedule leader and team interviews to be held on Thursday, September 17, 2026, in the evening.
4. Applicant will be notified of application status no later than September 24, 2026.

All applicants must be present at their scheduled team interview on Thursday, September 17 (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.

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

Johnson County 4-H Ambassador Application 2026-2027 (please print)

Name: _____ Age: (must be 14 before 01/01/27) _____ 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 the 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 of 500 words or fewer on the following topic:

What impact has 4-H had upon my life?

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

AND

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

“What is 4-H?”

2026-2027 Johnson County Ambassador Application
Confidential Report
Club Leader Recommendation

Dear Club Leader: Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. Please return in a **sealed** envelope to the Extension Office by September 10, 2026, 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 a 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 is received no later than 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 the Johnson County 4-H Ambassador Program if you are 14 years of age before January 1, 2027)
- 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:

- 4-H Ambassador Program Guidebook for Ambassador Advisors
- Local marketing and media professionals

Time Required:

- One-year term. 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.