



## Judith Basin County 4-H Ambassador Application

A 4-H Ambassador is an official envoy, an authorized representative of the Montana State 4-H Program. A 4-H Ambassador is a self-motivated, enthusiastic youth leader who promotes 4-H using skills, knowledge and leadership abilities acquired in 4-H with 4-H members, area residents, community leaders, elected officials, and non-4-H youth. A 4-H Ambassador serves to strengthen the 4-H program through public relations.

Being an Ambassador is an honor and a privilege. Being chosen as an Ambassador entails the acceptance of “great” responsibility and a total commitment to the Judith Basin County 4-H Ambassador program.

This application for Judith Basin County 4-H Ambassador is due to the County Office by November 1st of the year that they want to be considered for the Ambassador program.

### **Ambassador Qualifications:**

1. **Must be 14 years of age October 1st of the current 4-H year.**
2. Must be enrolled in 4-H for at least 2 years and must be enrolled in 4-H for the current year.
3. Must apply and be interviewed.
4. Must be enthusiastic about 4-H as demonstrated by participation, leadership, example and other similar experiences.
5. Must have the time available to fulfill the role of an Ambassador. Ambassadors must be willing to make the Ambassador program a top priority.
6. Must be responsible.
7. Must be willing to attend Ambassador Meetings and training sessions offered by the county and state (when applicable). These include Fall Leadership Training and State Congress, and occasional monthly meetings.
8. Must have parent and/or guardian support.
9. Must have County Agent staff support.
10. Must be capable and willing to get out of school on a limited basis for special programs (ex. Fall Leadership Training or Rec Lab).
11. Must be willing to serve out the Ambassador term.
12. Always uphold the 4-H Ambassador image, this includes all activities outside of 4-H also.

### **Ambassadors:**

1. Will be selected for each 4-H year by the 4-H Council and 4-H Extension Agent. Ambassadors must apply each year by application and an interview. Selection will be completed by the 4-H Council and Extension Agent.
2. Must reapply and go through the application process to be selected as an Ambassador for the next year.
3. Are expected to be part of the Ambassador team and work together to fulfill the responsibilities in the county plan of action.
4. May be discharged at any time if their behavior is not becoming of Ambassador ideals.

### **Ambassador Expectations and Duties:**

- Enroll in the Teen Leadership Project.
- Able and willing to attend Ambassador meetings and trainings.
- Work as a team to complete the duties and expectations of Ambassadors.
- Represent 4-H in public relation roles.
- Promote 4-H with potential members, parents and the general public.
- Help plan and conduct 4-H events and activities (i.e. County Fair, Achievement Day).
- Meet as needed face to face and/or virtually.
- Develop personal leadership skills and self-confidence.
- Recruit new members.
- Encourage financial support for 4-H.
- Work directly with county, district and state 4-H leaders.
- Be aware of your family schedule and be prepared to communicate your availability with the group.
- Be prepared to attend meetings without parental supervision and make decisions.
- Follow through with your commitments. If you are unable to attend an event, be sure and communicate with your fellow Ambassadors and Ambassador Leader.
- Ambassadors will be expected to communicate electronically – email, texts, BAND, etc.

### **Estimated Schedule of Events:**

- Attend the majority of Ambassador Team meetings.
- Assist in the preparation of county livestock judging contests.
- Montana 4-H Fall Leadership Training (October/November) and/or Montana 4-H Rec Lab (typically March/April – hosting district rotates).
- Montana 4-H State Pre-Congress and/or Congress (July).
- Judith Basin County Fair (July/August), may include:
  - Cloverbud project/interview judging
  - Evening fun activity (dance, etc.)
  - Positive attitude and to volunteer as needed throughout fair week
  - Market Sale Buyer Appreciation Dinner/Social
  - Round Robin Showmanship Competition
- National 4-H Week Promotion (first week of Oct.).

### **Below are some Leadership Opportunities Ambassadors may participate in during the year:**

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| • Visit and present at Clubs and Project meetings | • Community Service Project |
| • Fundraising                                     | • Project Helper            |
| • Chair a Leadership Event Committee              | • Record Book Help          |
| • Promote 4-H                                     |                             |

## Judith Basin County 4-H Ambassador Application



Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (As of Oct. 1): \_\_\_\_\_

Member Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a county ambassador before? (please check one) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**How have you been involved in ambassador activities this past year?**

**Why would you like to continue as a county ambassador?**

**What are three ideas you have for how ambassadors can serve this coming 4-H year?**

**What is a personal strength that you can leverage for the local 4-H program and what is an area that you would like to personally grow in, in terms of your leadership development?**