

4-H AMBASSADOR ROLE DEFINITION

The position of Ogle County 4-H Ambassador is an honorary position designed to assist with promotion of the county 4-H club program. Up to eight worthy individuals may be selected annually. 4-H Ambassadors are expected to uphold the values of the 4-H club program during their year of service. 4-H'ers may be named "Ambassadors" more than once, though they must reapply each year they are interested. 4-H Ambassadors are formally recognized at the county Achievement Day program in November.

CRITERIA FOR 4-H AMBASSADOR NOMINATIONS

The Ogle County 4-H Ambassador Program is overseen by the Extension Unit Staff. 4-H Ambassadors are chosen by volunteers following a review of application materials and candidate interviews. The decision of the interview team is final.

4-H Ambassador Candidates:

- Must be enrolled 4-H members at the time of application and must enroll during their year of service.
- Must have attended 1/2 of their club's meetings since enrolling for the current 4-H year (or have fulfilled roles and obligations established in a properly completed and filed 4-H contract.)
- Must be 16 years old, but not older than 18, by September 1, 2022.
- Must submit a completed application form and participate in an "Ambassador Interview." The interview must include a 3-5 minute promotional presentation prepared and given to the judges' panel for a target audience of the candidate's choosing.
- Must be nominated by a 4-H club leader on the Ambassador Nomination Form. (Club leaders may nominate more than one individual per year. Leaders are to mail nominations directly to the Extension Office.)

GUIDELINES FOR 4-H AMBASSADORS

- 4-H Ambassadors are required to participate in a series of educational workshops and/or planning sessions designed to better prepare them for their roles (TBA).
- 4-H Ambassadors are required to participate in the monthly meetings and activities of the Ogle County 4-H Federation.
- 4-H Ambassadors are encouraged to attend any and all events/activities requested by the Extension Staff. Such events include, but are not limited to, community festival parades, 4-H Achievement Celebration, and the 4-H Fair.

- 4-H Ambassadors must wear their 4-H Ambassador shirts at all events/activities designated by the Extension staff.
- Possession and/or use of alcohol, drugs, or cigarettes by 4-H Ambassadors at any time is prohibited. The role of 4-H Ambassador is one of honor and prestige and requires that appropriate behavior be displayed at all times. Inappropriate behavior will be grounds for dismissal from the position of 4-H Ambassador and forfeit of any awards offered to 4-H Ambassadors. Decisions regarding inappropriate behavior will be made by the Extension Council, or representatives thereof.