



Gallatin 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 Gallatin County 4-H Ambassador program.

This application for Gallatin 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 by 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 a minimum of 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 a committee made of 3 or more of the following – 4-H Extension Agent, Council representative, Foundation representative, and other 4-H volunteers. Ambassadors must apply each year by application and an interview. Selection will be completed by the committee.
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.
- 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 Teen Leadership Project monthly meetings
- Attend the majority of Ambassador Team meetings
- Montana 4-H Leadership Academy online trainings
- 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 – week prior to Gallatin County Fair)
- Big Sky Country State Fair (3rd week of July), may include:
 - Cloverbud project/interview judging
 - Species award ceremonies
 - Family Fun Night (dance, etc)
 - In-person interviews with TV and/or radio as requested by 4-H Agent
 - Positive attitude and to volunteer as needed throughout Fair week
 - Market Sale Buyer Appreciation BBQ
 - Round Robin Showmanship Competition
- National 4-H Week Promotion (first week of Oct.)
- 4-H Family Orientations (usually Sept./Oct.)

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

- Visit and present at Clubs and Project meetings
- Youth Workshop (Officer Training)
- Youth Workshop (Other)
- Fundraising
- County Contest(s) Help
- Chair a Leadership Event Committee
- Community Service Project
- Promote 4-H
- Record Book Help
- Project Helper



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Member Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Member Email: _____ Age (As of Oct. 1): _____

Member Phone #: _____ Years in 4-H: _____ Grade: _____

Club: _____

Member Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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If a friend asked you why you are in 4-H what would you say?

Why do you want to be an Ambassador for Gallatin County 4-H?



What are your strengths as a *leader*? Explain

What are your weaknesses when working on a *team*? Explain

What leadership experiences have you had that you feel will prepare you for being a county Ambassador?

What do you think you could contribute to the Gallatin County 4-H Ambassador team?



What do you hope to accomplish as an Ambassador?

What is one area Gallatin County 4-H could improve this year? How would you help or address this issue as an Ambassador?