**McPherson County 4-H Ambassador Application**

**Do you want to have fun...**

**Do you want to get to know other teens from around McPherson County...**

**Do you want to help promote 4-H...**

**Then become a McPherson County 4-H Ambassador!**

**WHAT IS A 4-H AMBASSADOR?**

A 4-H Ambassador is a 4-H Member in grades 8-12 who has a sincere desire to promote the McPherson County 4-H Program. Ambassadors are highly respected youth leadership positions.

**WHO CAN APPLY?**

An Ambassador Applicant must:

* be in grades 8-12.
* be an active McPherson County 4-H Member for a minimum of 2 years.
* be responsible, accountable, and willing to learn and engage in active youth leadership.
* be willing to attend the Ambassador Training at Rock Springs in February if possible.

**WHAT DO 4-H AMBASSADORS DO?**

This will mostly be up to the ambassador team. There are many things Ambassadors can be involved in, but two examples are (1) develop and give presentations to schools and parent organizations; (2) plan and host 4-H informational meetings in the communities around the county. Ambassadors will also fill hosting responsibilities at county events (welcome, emcee and present awards), speak to community organizations (Kiwanis, Lions, etc), and other various duties as needed.

**WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS OF A 4-H AMBASSADOR?**

The basic expectations are to follow all 4-H guidelines and show a positive, enthusiastic attitude toward everyone while promoting 4-H, as well as attend Ambassador meetings and scheduled activities.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Fill out the enclosed application and return it to the Extension Office by **October 1, current year.** Ask your community club leader, project leader, or a school personnel to complete the enclosed recommendation form, supporting your application to be an Ambassador. The recommendation is due by **October 15, current year.**

***Interviews will be scheduled for mid-October and Ambassadors will be announced at the Achievement Banquet.***

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 *Due October 1, current year*

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardians Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Year in School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Why do you want to be a McPherson County 4-H Ambassador?

2. Please list your leadership experience in 4-H or other programs (School, church, community):

3. What do you consider to be the strengths of the McPherson County 4-H Program?

4. What do you consider to be the weaknesses?

5. I have personally prepared this application and believe it to be true.

*4-H Member Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**McPherson County 4-H Ambassador Recommendation Form**

 *Due by October 15, current year*

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How do you know this person? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The youth listed above is applying to become a McPherson County 4-H Ambassador. 4-H Ambassadors promote the 4-H program by speaking to small and large groups, as well as visit one-on-one with interested youth and adults. Other requirements are planning and organizing events to help promote the 4-H program and recognize achievements of 4-H members and leaders.

**Using the rating scale below, circle the number for each item that best reflects**

**your judgment about the applicant on each of the following criteria.**

*(1-inadequate; 2-minimally adequate; 3-satisfactory; 4-good; 5-outstanding)*

Dependability 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Responsibility 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Ability to engage and excite participants 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Organizational Skills 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Ability to handle conflict 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Ability to communicate and work with others 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Understands personal strengths of self and others 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Willingness to explore options 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Ability to organize a group to accomplish a purpose 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Public Speaking Skills 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

*Please share any additional comments about this individual on the back of this form.*

Reference Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Reference Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please send your recommendation form by October 15, current year, directly to:**

K-State Research & Extension - McPherson County

600 W Woodside, McPherson, KS 67460

620-241-1523 FAX: 620-241-3407

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**DO NOT SEND your recommendation form to the applicant as this is confidential information.**