



Objectives:

- Prepare Individuals for Roles as Leaders, Mentors, and Problem Solvers
- Enhance Skills in Communication, Public Speaking, and Critical Thinking
- Focus on Foundational Life Skills
- Develop Skill Specific Career Exploration
- Provide Positive Youth-Adult Partnerships

Roles of a State 4-H Ambassador:

- Serve to support the 4-H program through public relations
- Function as a positive role model for youth in South Dakota
- Abide by South Dakota 4-H Code of Conduct both during and outside of 4-H events
- Continually strive for improvement by serving as an agent of change
- Promote inclusion and respect for diversity across 4-H
- Utilize skills and knowledge gained through 4-H to engage youth in educational activities
- Pro-actively engage in youth-adult partnerships

Applicant Qualifications:

- Must be a registered 4-H member in good standing
- 4-H age 14-18 is eligible based off of 4-H year
- Interviews for ambassador selection will be held at the State Fair (In-person or virtually)
- Individuals are eligible to serve a maximum of three terms; each term is a one-year commitment
- State 4-H Ambassadors applicants must apply each year regardless of returning status

State 4-H Ambassador Program Requirements:

Once selected, State 4-H Ambassadors are expected to participate fully in the below requirements.

- Be prompt in communication with advisors
- Be responsible for providing or arranging personal transportation to all activities and events
- State 4-H Ambassadors will adhere to the official dress code
- Serve as a State 4-H Ambassador for one of the four program priority areas of Advocacy, Health & Wellness, Leadership, and Science
- Create a State 4-H Ambassador Action Plan
- Attend a State 4-H Event as an engaged State 4-H Ambassador
- Must facilitate one educational opportunity for youth.
- Attend one of three leadership development retreats
- Participate in quarterly phone update meetings with Ambassador Program Advisor
- Discuss 4-H impact with one (local or state) elected official throughout term
- Complete at least one of the supplemental opportunities

Supplemental Opportunities:

- Serve on the executive committee for the State 4-H Ambassador Program
- Serve on a State 4-H Ambassador committee
- Shadow a State Legislature
- Represent the State 4-H Ambassador Program at a community and/or industry event
- Interview with a news outlet

- Attend the State Fair Planning Meeting at one of the two DDN sites
- Write a letter to the editor
- Create a 4-H promotional video
- Shadow an industry professional
- Serve on a State 4-H committee (i.e. Horticulture, Special Foods, Beef)
- Individual ideas welcomed upon approval from Ambassador Program Advisor

Once appointed, failure to uphold these expectations may jeopardize your opportunity to complete the State Ambassador term.

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