State 4-H Ambassador Program
Job Description

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 the 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 Ambassador 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 unless otherwise indicated by State 4-H Ambassador Advisors
• State 4-H Ambassador and parent/guardian must attend an initial orientation meeting to be held via online platform
• 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 Agriculture, 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
• Must attend summer camping retreat
• Participate in quarterly phone update meetings with primary State 4-H Ambassador advisor
• Discuss 4-H impact with one (local or state) elected official throughout term
• Complete at least one of the supplemental opportunities listed below

**Supplemental Opportunities:**

• Serve on a State 4-H Ambassador committee
• Shadow a State Legislature
• Represent the 4-H program at a community and/or industry event (non 4-H related)
• Interview with a news outlet (print, radio, etc.) discussing the impact of 4-H
• Write a letter to the editor promoting 4-H
• Create a 4-H promotional video
• Shadow an industry professional
• Serve on a State 4-H committee (i.e. Horticulture, Special Foods, Beef, etc.)
• Individual ideas welcomed upon approval from primary State 4-H Ambassador advisor

Once appointed, failure to uphold these expectations may jeopardize your opportunity to complete the State 4-H Ambassador term.