



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
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State 4-H Ambassador Program

2025-26 Term Timeline



September 2025:

- State Fair: (Aug. 27-Sept. 1; Huron, S.D.)
 - Interviews (In-person and digital platform)
 - Selection Announcement at 4-H Recognition Ceremony on Sunday of State Fair in Nordby Exhibit Hall
- Orientation Packet Sent (Mid September)
- Digital Orientation Meeting (Late September) – ambassador and a parent/guardian must be in attendance

October 2025:

- Leadership Development Retreat Opportunity (Oct. 18-19, Mitchell, S.D.)
- Leadership Development Retreat Opportunity (Oct. 25-26, Pierre, S.D.)

November 2025:

- Action planning meeting with assigned mentor (Action Plan must be completed by this meeting)

January 2026:

- First Quarterly Update
- State 4-H Ambassador Legislative Shadow Opportunity (In conjunction with 4-H Capitol Day; Date TBD; Pierre, S.D.)

April 2026:

- Second Quarterly Update

June 2026:

- SkillsX by 4-H (if applicable)

July 2026:

- Final Quarterly Update
- Team Summer Retreat (July 11-13; Location TBD)

August 2026:

- State 4-H Ambassador Applications Due (Aug. 10 to State 4-H Office)
- Activity Impact Reports Due to Mentor (Aug. 15)

September 2026:

- State Fair: (Sept. 2-7; Huron, S.D.)
- Current Ambassadors:
 - Informational Booth
 - Educational Engagements
 - Assist with Youth Activity Center programs
- Incoming Ambassadors:
 - Interviews (In-person and Zoom)
 - Selection Announcement at 4-H Recognition Ceremony

Disclaimer: Attendance at only one leadership development retreat is required. This timeline provides a framework of an Ambassador's term. Other requirements outlined in the State 4-H Ambassador job description is left for the Ambassador to plan based off of their own schedules (i.e. educational engagement, conversation with an elected official, etc.) If you are unable to meet one of these required scheduled events you are expected to promptly communicate with your primary State 4-H Ambassador Mentor and you will be asked to complete an alternate activity that will allow for similar learning concepts to be gained.

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