



# Extension Center for 4-H Youth Development State Ambassador Application

A 4-H Ambassador is an authorized youth representative of the MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development program. A 4-H Ambassador is a self-motivated, enthusiastic leader who promotes 4-H using the skills, knowledge, and leadership abilities acquired in 4-H with fellow members, area residents, community leaders, elected officials, and other young people. A 4-H Ambassador serves to strengthen the 4-H program through public relations.

Being selected as a 4-H Ambassador is an honor that carries great responsibility. Ambassadors serve as emcees, program facilitators, and members of county and state council committees. Mississippi 4-H Ambassadors are role models who uphold high standards in making the best better in their clubs, communities, country, and world.

## Purpose

The 4-H Ambassadors program enhances leadership, citizenship, and communication skills in teen leaders.

## Objectives

- ▶ Make 4-H more visible in the county and across the state of Mississippi.
- ▶ Maintain and build relationships with 4-H alumni and supporters.
- ▶ Increase membership in the statewide 4-H program.
- ▶ Promote members' individual growth.

## Selection Criteria

- ▶ Applicants should be 14 years old as of January 1 of the current year and senior-level 4-H members with a genuine commitment to and enthusiasm for 4-H.
- ▶ Applicants should be willing to put a high priority on the responsibilities of serving as a State 4-H Ambassador.
- ▶ Applicants should have excellent leadership skills, be able to work as part of a team, have a positive attitude, and possess outstanding communication skills.
- ▶ Applicants must have academic performance that will permit being absent from school without seriously jeopardizing grades.
- ▶ Applicants should be in good standing with the local county 4-H program and an active participant in 4-H.

## HOW TO APPLY

Submit the following to your MSU Extension agent:

- ▶ 4-H State Ambassador application
- ▶ Cover letter explaining why you would like to serve as a Mississippi 4-H Ambassador
- ▶ Current résumé

## SELECTION PROCESS

- ▶ A committee will judge the applications. Returning applicants must re-apply.
- ▶ Applicants will be contacted if they have been selected for an interview.
- ▶ The selected individuals will be required to interview via Zoom.
- ▶ Results will be announced during 4-H Congress.
- ▶ The judges' decisions are final.

*Application on reverse.*

