

## **4-H State Ambassador Position Expectations and Application Process**

***Application: Accepting applications now until positions are filled***

***Term: State Ambassador Terms are 1-2 year positions from the date that your appointed to the State Ambassador Position.***

***Dates for 2017-2018 State Events: Dates of upcoming Teen Leadership Events can be found by visiting our website: <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/youth/>***

***Dates for meetings will be set at the fall meeting: if accepted to the position attendance at the next scheduled meeting is required , no exceptions. Attendance is required at the regularly scheduled events, phone or video calls, AND regular communication with the State Ambassadors and Advisors***

### **Application Process:**

1. Acquire county sponsorship Letter: this is a partnership with your county 4-H (once you have the letter please email the signed copy to alex.laughery@wsu.edu)
  - a. Letter of recommendation; specifically addressing the applicant's past leadership and readiness for this advanced leadership position. If the 4-H Program Coordinator or 4-H Faculty do not know the teen, a 4-H club leader may write the recommendation letter but the sponsorship recommendation must also be signed by the 4-H Program Coordinator or 4-H Faculty.
  - b. Commitment from the sponsors to check in and support the teen throughout their term.
2. ***Fill in online application: Please find the application at <https://goo.gl/forms/IgUiQQw5P8kN6fam2>***
3. Current State Ambassadors will review the applications and schedule a phone call/video conference with the applicant.
  - a. Call/video conference will include information about responsibilities and commitment involved with being a State Ambassador
  - b. Questions are encouraged; Parent and sponsor are encouraged to participate
4. The State Ambassador will send a letter to the parents and the applicant describing the interview process
5. Agree to attend the next State or District Event along with the current State Ambassadors such as Teen Rally, Know Your Government, Teen Summit, Teen Conference.
  - a. Register for this District/State 4-H Event
6. Interview

For any questions please feel free to contact:

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### **Mission Statement:**

*The Washington State 4-H Ambassadors, promote and portray 4-H in a positive manner through cooperation and communication, with leadership and planning, as a bridge between state and local 4-H events and learning.*

### **Goals of State Ambassadors**

- To enable youth to develop their personal leadership skills and potential.
- To participate in opportunities to apply those leadership skills
- Contribute their enthusiasm, knowledge, and skills to successfully promote 4-H to other teens, volunteers, and communities and strengthen the 4-H Program at all levels: county district, and state.
- To develop a positive identity that reflects integrity

### **Objectives to reach goals**

- Educate: increase the awareness of opportunities for teens within the 4-H Program
- Encourage: 4-H youth to develop their own leadership potential
- Be a resource: to the 4-H county, district, and state 4-H programs and staff
- Model: effective youth/adult partnerships
- Plan and Conduct: district and state events including: Teen Leadership Summit and Teen Conference
- Attend: four weekend meetings per year, plus Teen Leadership Summit and Teen Conference
- Participate: in regular email conversation, slack, and committee conference calls
- Build: positive relationships as a SA team, utilizing each other's strengths

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### **State Ambassador Job Description**

*The Washington State 4-H Ambassadors' mission is to promote and portray 4-H in a positive manner through cooperation and communication, leadership and planning.*

### **Goals:**

- Strengthen positive personal identity which reflects integrity
- Develop personal leadership skills
- Participate in opportunities at the Washington State 4-H level, to apply those skills
- Contribute to the successful promote the 4-H Program to teens, volunteer leaders, families, and communities



**Objective: In order to server our mission and meet our goals, State Ambassadors:**

- Attend and fully participate in four State Ambassador weekend meetings each year, Teen Summit, and District Rallies; conference calls/webinars and the SA listserve.
- Build positive relationships as a SA team, recognizing and appreciating diversity
- Follow through on commitments individually and as a team
- Model effective youth/adult partnerships
- Help plan and conduct district and state events including Teen Summit and Teen Conference.
- Educate both 4-H and Non-4-H youth about 4-H opportunities
- Be a resource to county, district, and state 4-H faculty and staff
- Contribute enthusiasm and skills
- Continue involvement and leadership through your local 4-H club and program

**Skills/Knowledge Required:**

- Public Speaking and presentation skills
- Listening skills
- Group facilitation
- Ability to lead AND work as a part of a team
- Self-responsibility
- Positive youth/adult partnership experience
- Flexibility and maturity in working with others
- Time management skills
- Open-mindedness and willingness to try new things
- Ability to accommodate and appreciate differences

*Support Network: State Ambassador District Advisors, Washington State 4-H Office, County 4-H Staff and Faculty, 4-H Foundation, 4-H State Advisory Board, 4-H Adolescent Leadership Specialist, State Ambassador Alumni and current State Ambassadors.*