



Information for completing a

North Dakota 4-H Ambassador Application

Completed ambassador applications are due to your county extension office by May 5 or December 5 of the year you are applying.

1. Complete the application form (PB822) by the date listed on the form.
2. Copy and give the reference form to four individuals you select and ask them to complete and return the reference form to your county extension office by the deadline for the summer or winter selection process. Inform your reference that their completed form must be returned by the appropriate deadline.

Points to consider as you apply for the North Dakota 4-H Ambassador program.

- The North Dakota 4-H Ambassadors have five general purposes:
 1. To assist in the planning of statewide 4-H youth programs.
 2. To secure opportunities for older youth in 4-H.
 3. To promote 4-H youth to all people.
 4. To improve the 4-H youth program through leadership.
 5. To act as a sounding board for 4-H youth ideas and concerns.

■ Ambassadors will gain:

1. Leadership opportunities and skills.
2. Teamwork successes.
3. Personal confidence.
4. Training in recreation, technology, facilitation, team building, etc.

■ Ambassadors need to:

1. Share ideas.
2. Make new friends!
3. Expend personal resources, such as time and money. While some expenses may be reimbursed, ambassadors pay for some of their own expenses (uniforms, meals) for participation in the North Dakota 4-H Ambassador program.

■ Ambassadors must:

1. Be 16 years old as of September 1 of the current year to apply.
2. Participate in no less than 5 designated activities per year. These activities may include: Extension Youth Conference, Ambassador Retreats, and county, district or regional level (MPU) activities that promote and support the 4-H program in North Dakota. Examples include: NCR Volunteer Forum, various leadership workshops, state fair, judging events, 4-H international programs, 4-H camps, county fairs, 4-H youth activity days, Communication Arts events and county awards nights.

NDSU

Extension Service

North Dakota State University
Fargo, North Dakota 58105

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May 5 to your county office

May 15 to the Center for 4-H Youth Development

For Selections –

December 5 to your county office

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(Must be postmarked on or hand delivered by that date to the Center for 4-H Youth Development.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Full name _____

Date of birth ____/____/____ Age (as of 9/1)____ Gender Male Female

Complete home address _____
street city state zip

Phone number(s) () _____ () _____

E-mail _____

Parent (or guardian) name(s) _____

Parent (or guardian) address _____
street city state zip

County _____ Number of years in 4-H _____

Year in school _____ Name of school _____

College students only:

Complete school address _____
street city state zip

Course of study in school _____

REFERENCES

Secure four references (**one must be from a county extension staff and one must be from a school administrator**). Provide a form to each. Ask references to return form directly to **your county extension office**.

If references are not received, your application is not complete and you will not be considered for an interview.

If there is a problem with the school administrator's reference, please call Sharon Query, 4-H Ambassador Advisor, (701) 231-5923 or (701) 231-7251 to determine an alternate reference. Individuals you asked to complete a reference form are:

Reference Name	Relationship to Applicant	Phone Number
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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

I. 4-H EXPERIENCES

A. Summarize your involvement in county 4-H activities (do not list ribbons).

B. Summarize your involvement in state, interstate, national and international 4-H activities.

C. Summarize honors and recognition earned in county and state 4-H program (do not list ribbons).

D. As you reflect on your 4-H experiences, what are you most proud of? Why?

II. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

A. Summarize your leadership responsibilities and/or positions within 4-H.

B. Summarize leadership responsibilities and/or positions you have had in 4-H beyond the local level (such as: county, state, national or international).

C. What leadership responsibilities and/or positions have you had in your school or community?

D. What leadership experience have you enjoyed most and why?

III. PERSONAL STATEMENT

A. In the space provided, briefly state why you would like to be a North Dakota 4-H Ambassador.

Name printed _____

I have personally prepared this application. To the best of my knowledge, this information is truthful and accurate. If selected, I am willing to accept the responsibilities and duties of a North Dakota 4-H Ambassador.

Date ____/____/____ Signature _____

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RETURN TO: Applicant's county extension office.

If selected, this applicant may be planning county, regional or state events; leading discussion groups; teaching workshops; working with youth, peers and adults; and promoting 4-H at large, at local and state events.

Applicant's name _____

In what way have you been associated with the applicant? _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

	Poor	Average	Outstanding	Not Observed		
Personal Skills						
Is confident	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Adjusts to new situations	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Has variety of interests	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Is creative	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Is enthusiastic	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Knows personal assets	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Knows personal values	1	2	3	4	5	_____
<i>Comments</i>						

Interpersonal Skills						
Cooperative	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Tolerant of differences	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Sensitive to others	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Manages personal conflict	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Manages conflict w/others	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Is diplomatic	1	2	3	4	5	_____
<i>Comments</i>						

	Poor	Average	Outstanding	Not Observed		
Communication Skills						
Listens well	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Expresses her/him self well	1	2	3	4	5	_____
One-to-one communication	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Small group communication	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Public speaking	1	2	3	4	5	_____
<i>Comments</i>						

Organizational Skills						
Identifies details	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Can see "big" perspective	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Can set priorities	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Follows through	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Can work under pressure	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Can plan a meeting	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Can lead a meeting	1	2	3	4	5	_____
<i>Comments</i>						

Teaching Skills						
Can facilitate discussion	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Can give directions	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Is organized	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Involves learners	1	2	3	4	5	_____
<i>Comments</i>						

	Poor		Average		Outstanding		Not Observed
Leadership Skills							
Respected by peers	1	2	3	4	5		_____
Respected by adults	1	2	3	4	5		_____
Can guide peers	1	2	3	4	5		_____
Can solve problems	1	2	3	4	5		_____
Encourages teamwork	1	2	3	4	5		_____
Can delegate to others	1	2	3	4	5		_____
Asks questions, evaluates	1	2	3	4	5		_____
Invites change	1	2	3	4	5		_____
<i>Comments</i>							

Based on your knowledge of, and experience with this applicant, do you think he/she would be an asset to the North Dakota 4-H Ambassador organization?

Why?

Do you recommend the applicant to be a North Dakota 4-H Ambassador? Yes No

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Title _____

Phone () _____