ARKANSAS 4-H AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

4-H Ambassadors are called on to assist with 4-H promotion at the state and county level. Ambassadors may:

- Plan and attend statewide 4-H programs such as the Teen Leader Conference, Ambassador Workshop, Awards of Excellence Banquet, District and State 4-H O-Ramas, Arkansas State Fair and Livestock Show, and 4-H Ambassador Workshop.

- Assist with county 4-H programs - Ambassadors may be called on to serve as banquet or workshop speakers, camp counselors, or county activity judges. They also assist with county teen leader club organization or 4-H promotional events.

- Represent 4-H at various activities such as fairs, donor events, awards events, community and meetings for partner organizations, etc.

ELIGIBILITY:
A 4-H member must first be recognized as a 4-H Teen Star and may apply for ambassador the same year they apply for Teen Star. They may interview for ambassador only if selected as a Teen Star. The applicant must be 15 years old by January 1 of the year application is submitted but not be 19 years of age during the calendar year in which the application is submitted.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION:
Submit form FY4H-657 or via 4HOnline at https://ar.4honline.com. Additionally, applicants write and present an original 500 word 4-H promotional speech and respond to questions from a panel of judges during an interview. 4-H’ers suspected of not presenting original speeches are subject to disqualification. The speech should be one an ambassador might use at 4-H banquets and events as well as civic and community organizations. Applications are due in the state 4-H Youth Development office by March 15 or the next business day thereafter.

Once named a 4-H Ambassador, a 4-H’er must re-certify annually (see Arkansas 4-H Ambassador Re-certification Policy) FY4-H-657 on or before March 15 or the first working day thereafter. This may be done through their county Extension office or via 4HOnline at https://ar.4honline.com

EXPENSE:
All expenses are assumed by the 4-H Ambassador. Ambassadors receive a reduced rate to the Teen Leader Conference if they participate in the state 4-H Ambassador Workshop held in February. All 4-H Ambassadors are encouraged to purchase a 4-H Ambassador shirt.