



2024-2025 4-H Community Ambassador Interest Packet

4-H Community Ambassadors are between the age of 14-18 and are NH 4-H youth participants. Following the Pathway Model, teens have the opportunity to participate in a statewide 4-H Community Ambassador track of development. The Teen Leadership Field Specialist oversees the program year. A team of advisors provides direct service and support to the ambassador team under the program’s pillars of career and academic development, leadership development, and a teach-back/give-back project.

The 4-H Community Ambassador program runs from October-June

“Building community through active leadership, expanding opportunities, and providing amazing experiences for NH 4-H Youth”

2024-2025 Timeline

June 2024	Interested candidates learn more about the program. They can ask Kristen Lyons, the teen advisors, or current 4-H Community Ambassadors.	Kristen.Lyons@unh.edu Haweeks@gmail.com
July 1 st , 2024	Interest Packet Due	Email packet to: Kristen.Lyons@unh.edu
August 2024	Virtual interviews take place on ZOOM	Kristen Lyons and Heather Weeks
September 2024	Team notified	By email
October 1 st , 2024	Apply for 4-H National Conference; Priority given to 4-H Community Ambassadors	By email
October 5, 2024	First meeting 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Location TBD	In-Person
Oct. 26-27, 2024	Attend the Teen Leadership Retreat	Camp Sentinel, Tuftonboro
November 16, 2024	Meeting 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Location TBD	In-Person
December 14, 2024	Meeting 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Virtual
January 11, 2025	Meeting 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Location TBD	In-Person
February 22, 2025	T(w)een Winter Retreat	In-Person
March 15, 2025	Meeting 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Location TBD	In-Person
April 12-13, 2025	4-H Volunteer Conference: Presentation	In-Person
May 3, 2025	Farm, Forest & Garden Expo: Outreach	Deerfield Fairgrounds
June 22-25, 2025	Teen Conference (<i>Recommended but not mandatory</i>)	In-Person, Durham NH



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Criteria To Apply for 4-H Community Ambassadors

- Must be between the ages of 14-18 years old
- Must have participated as a County Youth Leadership Team member and/or other statewide leadership role for at least (1) year
- Be available for in-person and virtual meetings and have a desire to collaborate and learn from others
- Be willing to travel throughout the state for in-person meetings
- Willingness to prioritize 4-H Community Ambassadors as 4-H “project”

Application Process for 4-H Community Ambassadors

- Interest Packet submitted by email to 4-H Teen Leadership Field Specialist by **July 1st**
- Provide either a two to four (2-4) minute creative video or a 1-2 page double-spaced essay answering the prompts found on the application checklist page
- Include one (1) reference from a community member, 4-H leader, or teacher
- Virtual interviews will be held for applicants that meet all the above criteria
- Decisions will be made by Teen Leadership Field Specialist and Community Ambassador advisors

Summary of Role

- Be welcoming and inclusive, strive for the highest level of communication
- Be a positive peer role model to all NH 4-H youth and teens
- Develop and facilitate T(w)een Winter Retreat in February
- Create and present a workshop for 4-H Adult Volunteers at the Volunteer Leader Conference
- Develop and engage visitors to NH Farm, Forest & Garden Expo in hands-on activity while sharing 4-H message
- Develop personal and team goals to achieve throughout the year driven by your spark to teach back/give back to the 4-H community
- Collaborate with community partners to bring learning opportunities to this group and NH peers
- Serve as teen leadership recruiter and 4-H brand marketer
- As a highly collaborative endeavor requiring high participation; if a team member misses more than two (2) meetings the advising team reserves the right to ask them to step off the team

Code of Ethics

Each 4-H Community Ambassador pledges to:

- Refrain from using alcohol, tobacco, and any other illegal substances
- To treat all 4-H members equally
- To behave in a manner that conveys and commands respect
- To maintain dignity while being personable, concerned, and interested in fellow 4-H members
- To avoid places and activities that would raise questions as to your character or conduct
- To use appropriate language on all formal and informal occasions
- To maintain appropriate dress for all occasions
- To avoid participating in any conversations which belittle 4-H members and adults



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Please submit this document, one (1) formal letter of recommendation from a teacher, 4-H club leader/advisor, community member, or your 4-H Program Manager, as well as your essay or video to Kristen.Lyons@unh.edu by July 1st

Name _____

County _____

Age _____

Please provide either a two to four (2-4) minute creative video or a 1-page double-spaced essay answering the following prompts (Sourced from U.Wyoming Extension).

- Why is learning from experience important? Describe a time when you have learned from experimentation and even failure. What did you learn that you might not have learned if you hadn't had that experience? How will you bring those lessons to the Community Ambassadors?
- How can leaders create a climate of trust and facilitate relationships among people in a work team? What can leaders do to show others that they are trustworthy? What can they do to demonstrate that they trust others? Share an example from your experience as a leader of an environment or experience that fostered trust, and how will you build that climate of trust within the Community Ambassadors.

Please read and sign below:

I understand the role of a 4-H Community Ambassador, and if selected, I will fulfill the role to the best of my ability.

4-H Member Signature

Date

I agree that my teen may apply for a position as a 4-H Community Ambassador. I have read the responsibilities, and I will support them in completing their role if selected.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

I support the application of the above candidate. I certify that the 4-H member has played an active role and has demonstrated the capacity to perform as a 4-H Community Ambassador.

County 4-H Program Manager

Date