



2024-2025 4-H Ag Ambassador Interest Packet

4-H Ag 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 Ag Ambassador track of development. The 4-H Animal Science Field Specialist oversees the program year. A team of advisors provide 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 Ag Ambassador program runs from October-June

2024-2025 Timeline

September 9, 2024	Application due to hannah.majewski@unh.edu	By email
Mid-September	Interviews take place via ZOOM	By email
Early- October	Applicants Notified	By Email
October 1, 2024	Apply for Ignite by 4-H (Ag Ambassadors are given priority for Agriscience Track)	By Email
October 18-19, 2024	Mandatory: First meeting (overnight) prior to the Teen Leadership Retreat	Camp Sentinel, Tuftonboro
October 19-20, 2024	Mandatory: Attend the Teen Leadership Retreat	Camp Sentinel, Tuftonboro
November, 2024	Kick- Off and Planning Meeting TBD	In-Person
December, 2024	Meeting TBD	In-Person/Virtual
January 11, 2025	Attend Animal Science Bonanza	Walpole, NH
February, 2025	Meeting TBD	In-Person/Virtual
March, 2025	Meeting TBD	In-Person/Virtual
March 12-16, 2025	Ignite by 4-H (Ag Ambassadors are given priority for Agriscience Track)	Washington D.C
April, 2025	Meeting TBD	In-Person/Virtual
May 3, 2025	Farm and Forest Expo: Workshop or booth space	Deerfield Fairgrounds
June, 2025	Overnight Industry tours	In-Person

Schedule projects, excursions and learning opportunities as desired



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Criteria To Apply for 4-H Ag Ambassadors

- Must be between the ages of 14-18 years old
- Have a genuine interest in agriculture, animal science and their respective industries and careers
- 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, willing to facilitate virtual meetings, and have a desire to collaborate and learn from others
- Willingness to prioritize 4-H Ag Ambassadors as 4-H “project”

Application Process for 4-H Ag Ambassadors

- Interest Packet submitted by email to 4-H Animal Science Field Specialist by **September 9**
- Provide either a (2-4) minute creative video or a 1-2 page double spaced essay sharing who you are, your connection to agriculture, what you bring to the table as a team player, and why you are interested in this opportunity.
- Include (1) reference from a community member, 4-H leader, or teacher
- Virtual interviews will be held for applicants that meet all above criteria
- Decisions will be made by the Animal Science Field Specialist and Ag Ambassador advisors

Summary of Role

- Prioritize 4-H Ag Ambassador meetings and activities
- 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
- Advocate for agriculture by setting examples and sharing industry expertise
- Collaborate with community partners to bring learning opportunities to this group and NH peers
- Develop personal and team goals to achieve throughout the year driven by your spark with a goal of teaching back/giving back to the 4-H community
- Serve as teen leadership recruiter and 4-H brand marketer
- As highly collaborative endeavor requiring high participation; if a team member misses more than (2) meetings the advising team reserves the right to ask them to step off the team



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Code of Ethics

Each 4-H Ag 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 which 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 in 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, (1) letter of reference, as well as your essay or video to hannah.majewski@unh.edu by September 9.

Name _____

County _____

Age _____

Please provide either a (2-4) minute creative video or a 1 page double spaced essay sharing who you are, your connection to agriculture, what you bring to the table as a team player, and why you are interested in this opportunity. You also need (1) formal letter of recommendation from a teacher, 4-H club leader/advisor, community member or your 4-H Program Manager.

Consider the following prompts while you prepare for your video or write your essay:

- How does agriculture play a role in your life?
- Describe how you think this experience could change you or help you grow into a stronger leader.
- Are there any other traits or experiences relevant to this position that you would like us to know?
- Can you give an example of how you have grown in your 4-H career to become a peer mentor?

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