

February 1, 2018

To: County Ambassador (All-Star) Applicants

We are glad to hear you are interested in applying for the rank of County Ambassador. This is the highest county award a 4-H'er can earn. It is an achievement and an honor. County Ambassadors are expected to set an example and challenge younger members to achieve their goals. Being selected as a County Ambassador means you will be expected to commit a large amount of time to the project and activities that come with the role. Please give some serious thought to your other commitments such as: school activities/home work, personal interests, athletic desires, and 4-H projects. Discuss your interest in applying for County Ambassador with your parents and leaders.

To apply for County Ambassador, complete the application summary and distribute the four 4-H award recommendation forms. **Please note, one is from a project member in a group in which you are a Junior/Teen Leader or a club officer.** Your 4-H Record Book (with complete up-to-date records) is required also.

In April, you will receive a schedule with a time and location for your interview.

If you have any questions, please call Nicole Marshall-Wheeler at the 4-H office, 530-538-7201. ***Applications must be postmarked or in the 4-H office April 2, 2018.***

Sincerely,

Nicole Marshal-Wheeler
4-H Program Representative
Butte County 4-H Youth Development Program
University of California Cooperative Extension - Butte County

Butte County 4-H County Ambassador (All-Star) Information Sheet

County Ambassador is the highest attainable county 4-H rank. It is awarded each year to a selected number of older 4-H members who have made a significant contribution to the 4-H Youth Program in the county. These are members who recognize the opportunity and responsibility of being selected as All Star and are receptive to new challenges and new ideas.

Minimum Requirements

1. 15 years of age by January 1, 2018, but not 19 years by January 1, 2019.
2. Has completed 3 or more years of 4-H, and is currently enrolled in the 4-H Youth Program during the current year.
3. Will continue participating in the 4-H Youth Program, providing leadership in various activities.
4. Has demonstrated leadership skills as a Jr. or Teen Leader, shown citizenship concern, and demonstrated maturity of judgment.
5. Gold Star must be obtained by All-Star application deadline.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Each County Ambassador team will plan and carry out a specific program, (i.e., improve on a current county activity, develop or expand a specific county activity).
2. Each County Ambassador will be actively involved in a leadership role of a Butte County events such as, Foods Fiesta, Fun Night, County Presentation Day, Rainbow Craft Field Day, Fashion Revue, Awards Night, State 4-H Leadership Conference, and more.
3. County Ambassadors will attend 4-H Council meetings and present a report when requested by the 4-H Council.
4. County Ambassadors and their parents will attend an orientation meeting that outlines duties and responsibilities.

Awards

1. All-Star pin, emblem and jacket or sweater from the Butte County Farm Bureau.
2. Expense-paid trip to the California 4-H State Leadership Conference by the Butte County 4-H Council.

How to Apply

Submit an Application, Four Recommendations and 4-H Record Book.

1. Application-Please make sure everything is filled out correctly.
2. Recommendations-Four recommendations are required; three from adults, and one from a youth:
 - 1) A recommendation from your current community leader or by another leader **IF** your club leader is also your parent.
 - 2) A recommendation from another adult that is **not** related to you.
 - 3) A recommendation from a school official (teacher, counselor, etc.).
 - 4) A recommendation from a youth member that participates in the same project group or an officer in your club.

The recommendations will be kept confidential and must be sent directly to the 4-H office, 2279 Del Oro Avenue, Suite B, Oroville, CA 95965 by the deadline of April 2, 2018.
3. Record Book-Please include the following items in the front of your Record Book:
 - Photo - school picture or close-up snapshot. (Optional--for publicity purposes).
 - 4-H County Ambassador (All-Star) Application Summary.
 - 4-H Story-**This is not to exceed 1,500 words and you may only submit one!**
 - A. Your 4-H story should reflect current 4-H year up to the application deadline. Your 2017-18 up-to-date 4-H Record Book with current and past years' reports arranged by years.
 - B. Talk about your 4-H projects, activities, leadership and personal development that has been gained through 4-H. Include what you have done to help your 4-H club, the county 4-H program and your community.
 - C. Talk about your plans for the future, including what you as an All-Star can do to improve the 4-H program in Butte County.

Selection

A County Ambassador (All-Star) Committee selected by the 4-H Council will be composed of at least two 4-H leaders, one current and past All-Star and one community representative. The County Ambassador Committee will review each application and references, interview each candidate, and then select the All-Stars on the basis of the **criteria listed below**. Total 4-H accomplishments, commitment to the program, and leadership ability in contributing to the county 4-H program are also considered.

It is **imperative** that applicants be able to articulate well and to show the selection committee their ability to be effective before groups and to adequately sell and market the Butte County 4-H program to people. It is up to the applicant to prepare him/herself for the interview process. Applicant must present him/herself in a positive manner for the interview. Contact the 4-H office if you have questions.

Specific County Ambassador (All-Star) Selection Criteria Are:

Record Book.....	20%
Application	20%
Interview Process/ Question Responses	20%
Prepared Presentation.....	20%
Demonstrated Leadership Abilities	5%
Understanding of and Commitment to Program	5%
Positive Attitude.....	<u>10%</u>
	100%

The interview process will consist of: 1) Individual and brief introduction to the interviewing committee. 2) Giving a County Ambassador (All-Star) presentation. (See attached sheet for details). 3) Individually answer a series of questions from the committee (5-10 minutes).

If you have questions concerning the interview process, contact the Cooperative Extension 4-H office, at 538-7201.

County Ambassador (All-Star) Calendar - 2018

April 2.....Application and Record Book postmarked or due in 4-H office.
April 2.....All recommendations postmarked or due in 4-H office.
April.....Individual interviews
May.....Letters sent to applicants with selection status
July.....State Leadership Conference
Oct.....Awards Night

County Ambassador (All-Star) Presentation

As part of the interview process, applicants will be required to give a 3-5 minute presentation on **one goal** they hope to accomplish in the upcoming year.

The presentation must include:

- ❑ A clear thesis statement that will anchor the presentation - this should be a *new idea*, or a significant expansion of an existing activity/program.
- ❑ An explanation of why this goal is important to you and the 4-H program.
- ❑ 5 specific ways your goal can be accomplished - these 5 “Star-Points” must be well thought out and described in detail. For example, if a member’s goal was to publicize 4-H, one of their “Star-Points” could be to contact a local radio station to help broadcast the start of the 4-H year. The announcement would include examples of projects offered, contact information for the 4-H office, and a reminder to look out for 4-H Week displays.
- ❑ Visual Aids are optional, but can include main points and visuals to help you and your audience through the presentation.
- ❑ A typed outline of your presentation to be handed to the selection committee. Make sure to include your 5 “Star-Points”!
- ❑ Remember, this is a *presentation*, not an essay. Note cards are allowed, but please do not read from them .

Postmarked or due in 4-H Office April 2, 2018

Member Reference	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leader Reference.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Reference.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leader not related	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date _____

COUNTY AMBASSADOR (ALL-STAR) APPLICATION SUMMARY

(This summary of ALL 4-H years is to be filled in by member)

General Information

Signature of Club Leader _____

Name _____ Birth date _____ Age (as of 1/1 of current year) _____

Current grade in school _____ Years in 4-H (include this year) _____ 4-H Star Rank _____

Club _____ Number of members _____

List your personal goals for the All Star Program this coming year:

Leadership:

List ten leadership experiences in the 4-H program (club, county, regional and state).

Junior/Teen Leader:

PROJECT	# OF MEMBERS	YEARS	RESPONSIBILITIES

Offices Held:

OFFICE	YEAR

Projects:

PROJECT	# OF YEARS	PROJECT	# OF YEARS

Talks and Demonstrations: (Past 3 years)

TITLE	DATE GIVEN	WHERE GIVEN

4-H Activities: (List no more than 10 items — include information from Personal Development Form)

Appearances Representing 4-H:

Awards and Honors: (List most significant 4-H awards)

CLUB	COUNTY	REGIONAL	STATE

Participation other than 4-H:

SCHOOL

Athletic/Academic: _____

Service or Leadership: _____

Church, Community and/or other: _____

Plans for employment next year:

List below the names of people you asked to fill out a recommendation for you. List full name, address and phone number.

REFERENCE	NAME	TELEPHONE
Adult - school		
Adult - 4-H leader		
Adult - No relative		
4-H member		

Selection is based on these criteria:

Record Book	20%
Application.....	20%
Interview Process	
Question Responses	20%
Prepared Presentation.....	20%
Demonstrated Leadership Abilities.....	5%
Understanding of and Commitment to Program ...	5%
Positive Attitude	<u>10%</u>
Total	100%

Check those 4-H experiences you have participated in at least once in your 4-H career. Note: three times at Fun Night counts as one different experience, not three.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Leadership Conference | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Exhibitor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WHY Conference/Northern Youth Summit | <input type="checkbox"/> Fun Night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Focus | <input type="checkbox"/> Any Project Field Days |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship Washington Focus | <input type="checkbox"/> Foods Fiesta |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Camp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional/Area Presentation Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Revue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Comparable Event:
Specify _____ | |

4-H AWARD RECOMMENDATION

Applicant _____ Club _____

Award _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

PERSONAL RATING	OUTSTANDING	GOOD	AVERAGE	FAIR	POOR
Dependability					
Responsibility					
Initiative					
Helpfulness					
Leadership					
Sportsmanship					
Personality					
Attitude					
Cooperativeness					

In what way has the applicant displayed 4-H achievement, demonstrated leadership ability, and shown evidence of personal development? In your estimation does the applicant have the ability and willingness to assume and fulfill the responsibilities of this award?

Does the applicant relate well to his/her peers? Yes No

How do you feel the applicant's peers receive him/her?

Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Phone _____

Mail to: UC Cooperative Extension
 2279 Del Oro Ave., Suite B
 Oroville, CA 95965

School Official

Postmark or due in 4-H office on April 2, 2018

4-H AWARD RECOMMENDATION

Applicant _____ Club _____

Award _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

PERSONAL RATING	OUTSTANDING	GOOD	AVERAGE	FAIR	POOR
Dependability					
Responsibility					
Initiative					
Helpfulness					
Leadership					
Sportsmanship					
Personality					
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Adult - not relative

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4-H AWARD RECOMMENDATION

Applicant _____ Club _____

Award _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

PERSONAL RATING	OUTSTANDING	GOOD	AVERAGE	FAIR	POOR
Dependability					
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Helpfulness					
Leadership					
Sportsmanship					
Personality					
Attitude					
Cooperativeness					

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Does the applicant relate well to his/her peers? Yes No

How do you feel the applicant's peers receive him/her?

Name _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Phone _____

Mail to: UC Cooperative Extension
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4-H Member

Postmark or due in 4-H office on April 2, 2018

4-H AWARD RECOMMENDATION

Applicant _____ Club _____

Award _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

PERSONAL RATING	OUTSTANDING	GOOD	AVERAGE	FAIR	POOR
Dependability					
Responsibility					
Initiative					
Helpfulness					
Leadership					
Sportsmanship					
Personality					
Attitude					
Cooperativeness					

In what way has the applicant displayed 4-H achievement, demonstrated leadership ability, and shown evidence of personal development? In your estimation does the applicant have the ability and willingness to assume and fulfill the responsibilities of this award?

Does the applicant relate well to his/her peers? Yes No

How do you feel the applicant's peers receive him/her?

Name _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Phone _____

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