



*Junior 4-H Ambassador
Program*

2017 – 2018

Junior 4-H Ambassador Program Criteria

- ❖ Age: 9 – 14 on January 1 of current year
- ❖ Actively involved in an Isabella County 4-H club for two or more years, which may include Cloverbud years
- ❖ Not a previous Isabella County Fair Princess
- ❖ Request an Isabella County 4-H leader (who is not a relative) complete the Leader Recommendation Form on your behalf
- ❖ Turn in a completed hand-written Application, Leader Recommendation Form, and type-written Essay to the 4-H Extension Office no later than 4:00pm on May 1, 2017
- ❖ Prepare a visual aid depicting your 4-H involvement, which you will share with the judging panel during the interview process
- ❖ Participate in an interview on June 11, 2017

Scoring for Junior 4-H Ambassador Program

Interview:	
Poise/Enthusiasm	20 points
Involvement in 4-H	20 points
Personality/Attitude	20 points
Visual Aid:	25 points
Essay:	15 points
Total:	100 points

Scholarships to be awarded:

Junior 4-H Ambassador:	\$150
1 st Runner-Up Junior 4-H Ambassador:	\$125
2 nd Runner-Up Junior 4-H Ambassador:	\$100

4-H Ambassador Program

Rules, Responsibilities, and Expectations

1. Complete all required forms (application in your own hand-writing; essay is to be type-written) and follow directions carefully.
2. All dates and times regarding the contest application process are final.
3. Fair Week Responsibilities (include but are not limited to):
 - a. Meet at 11:00am in the Food Stand the first Saturday of Fair Week.
 - b. Attend the Still Exhibit Auction, Small Animal Auction, Large Animal Auction, Talent Show, and Awards Program – required events.
 - c. *May* attend one of the grand stand events, depending on the schedule.
 - d. Participate in Goat Milking, Dairy Hand Milking, Baby Calf Parade, and Pedal Pullers Competition.
 - e. Be present at small and large animal judging/showmanship events to pass out awards.
 - f. Participate in community service event(s) at the fairgrounds as needed and available.
4. Post-Fair Responsibilities (include but are not limited to):
 - a. Attendance at all 4-H Banquets and Fair Board Annual Meeting.
 - b. Attendance at local high school homecoming parades and Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival Parades as best you are available.
 - c. Attendance at professional photo session as set by the Royalty Coordinators.
5. Year-Long Responsibilities (include but are not limited to): assist other 4-H members/leaders at various clinics, workshops, and educational opportunities at the discretion of the 4-H Program Coordinator.
6. Representation of the 4-H Program is a *privilege*; all ambassadors should present themselves in a polite, respectable, and appropriate manner at all times, before, during, and after fair.
7. Certain events will require parent/guardian participation/involvement.
8. Ambassador attire (such as member shirts) shall only be worn during scheduled ambassador group events/appearances, or when ambassadors may be individually representing 4-H or the Fair Board (such situations will be arranged through the Ambassador Coordinators).
 - a. Not on personal time.
 - b. Not while on the midway.
 - c. Not while selling in any auction.
9. All rewards/benefits (including cash prizes) are dependent upon the participation and fulfillment of each member for the entire, year-long commitment (July 2017 – July 2018).
10. Understand that it is the responsibility of the 4-H Ambassadors to make appearances during and outside of fair week; it is a year-long commitment (July 2017 – July 2018). Ambassadors will attend parades, festivals, banquets, and events to help promote the 4-H Program. They will do service projects as determined by the Ambassador Coordinators.
11. 4-H Ambassador Program participants will be held to the 4-H Code of Conduct. Any disciplinary issues will be handled by the 4-H Program Coordinator as well as Fair Board representatives.

Applicant and Parent/Guardian Acceptance: If chosen to serve as a 4-H Ambassador, we understand and agree to the rules, expectations, and statements made throughout this application packet. Any breach of these rules, responsibilities, and expectations may result in removal from the program and forfeiture of any monetary award and/or other benefits.

4-H Ambassador Program Applicant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Helpful Hints and Information

1. Complete the entire 4-H Ambassador Application – in your own hand writing; completely answer all questions listed, and read each item carefully. The Leader Recommendation Form should be completed by a leader in Isabella County that knows you well, who is not a relative. These two forms should be turned in with your type-written essay to the 4-H Extension office no later than 4:00pm on May 1, 2017.
2. Complete an essay no more than three pages, typed, using Times New Roman, 12 point font, one inch page margins, and double spaced for easy reading by the judges (**follow these directions carefully and completely**). Your essay should reflect your personality and 4-H experience. The following items are suggested topics to get you started and are ***not*** required:
 - Name
 - Your first or subsequent “Fair Experience”
 - Information about your club, activities, community services, fundraisers, special events, etc.
 - What else have you done in the community outside of 4-H?
 - Why 4-H is important to you
 - Some goals you may have with 4-H in the future
 - What you do at the fair/during fair week
 - What “Fair Week” is all about to you
 - Why you want to be an Isabella County 4-H Ambassador
 - What ideas do you have to improve the 4-H program?
3. Complete a visual aid that shows what 4-H means to you. Bring the visual aid with you to your interview on June 11. It may include pictures/brochures from 4-H events you have attended, accomplishments at the fair, or your future 4-H plans. The display should be organized, clean, creative, and positive. You will use this as a guide through your interview. The sky is the limit! Show your style and take pride in it.
4. Participate in an interview on June 11. Dress nicely and neatly; we suggest you not wear jeans/shorts, t-shirts, tank tops, or flip flops. You want to make a very positive first impression when you step in the room to meet with the judges -- dress for success! You will have approximately nine minutes in which to describe/discuss your visual aid, and the judges will ask you some questions. Practice with someone ahead of time and be yourself. Let the judges get a chance to know you and show them why you would be a GREAT 4-H Ambassador!

REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN!

Important Dates

Sunday, April 9, 2017, 4:30pm:

Informational Meeting

We will explain the change from a royalty program to the 4-H Ambassador focus. We will answer questions, and current court members will be present to share some inside ideas to help you prepare for the various contest components. We will discuss in detail the schedule for interview day, as well as a few specifics about the Ambassador Program. We request that all applicants and a parent/guardian attend this important meeting. We will meet at First Church of Christ, 1610 E Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, for approximately 30 – 45 minutes.

Monday, May 1, 2017, 4:00pm:

Application Packets Due to the 4-H Extension Office

Deliver the entire completed Application packet, Leader Recommendation Form, and typewritten Essay to the 4-H Extension Office, located on the third floor of the Isabella County Building on Main Street, downtown Mt. Pleasant.

Sunday, June 11, 2017, beginning at 2:00pm:

Applicant Interviews

Each applicant will bring their visual aid to the assigned interview timeslot, and meet with our judges. Interviews will be held at First Church of Christ, 1610 E Broadway, Mt. Pleasant. Snacks will be provided. We recommend you plan to arrive at least 30 minutes before your assigned timeslot, but we also encourage everyone to attend as much of the afternoon as possible. Current court members will be available for last minute direction and prep time for interviews. Come encourage other applicants and enjoy each other's company.

Sunday, July 9, 2017, 6:00pm:

Announcement Reception

4-H members, leaders, volunteers, and family members are invited to attend the announcement of the 2017 4-H Ambassadors to be held at the 4-H Camp, Coldwater Lake, Weidman. Refreshments will be served.

Ambassador Coordinators' contact information:

Alissa Davis: 989-465-7279

Angie Coldwell: 989-330-1106

Julie Willoughby: 989-330-9119

Kaylie Willoughby: 989-506-2656

Junior 4-H Ambassador Program
Application Form

**use additional sheets as needed*

Name _____ 4-H Age _____ Years in 4-H _____

4-H activities and projects in which you are involved: _____

Other community activities and events in which you are involved: _____

Why would you like to represent the Isabella County 4-H Program? _____

What goals do you have for your future in the 4-H program? _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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Leader Recommendation Form

**use additional sheets as needed*

Applicant's Printed Name _____

What is your association with the applicant? _____

Explain why you feel this applicant would be a good representative of the Isabella County 4-H Program? _____

Other comments you would like to share about the applicant: _____

Leader's Printed Name _____ Date _____

Leader's Signature _____ Contact #: _____

Personal Information

*This personal information sheet is for the use and records of the Isabella County 4-H Ambassador Program Coordinators only. Judges or any other outside party will not have access to this information. Please return this sheet with the hand-written Application, type-written Essay, and Leader Recommendation Form to the 4-H Extension Office by **May 1, 2017.***

Print Legibly

Name _____ Phone _____

Full Mailing Address _____

School _____ Grade _____

4-H Age _____ Years in 4-H _____ Birth Date _____

E-mail Address _____

4-H Club _____

Administrative Leader _____

Competing for which division (circle one) Senior Junior

Shirt Size _____ Youth/Adult (two are provided)

Jacket Size _____ Youth/Adult

Parent/Guardian name(s) and contact number(s):

Interviews are planned for every 15 minutes between 2:00-4:00pm (longer if number of applicants dictate) on June 11. If you have a preference for a specific time slot, please indicate here: _____. We will do our best to accommodate your choice, but we need everyone to be somewhat flexible as well.