

# **Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Ambassador Guidelines and Requirements**

## **Application process**

- Applications are open in the spring. Interviews and selection will be done before the fair.
- Incoming Ambassadors will assist the current team at the fair.
- The term will officially begin on October 1, running 1 year and 10 months, ending at fair.

## **Qualifications to serve as an Ambassador are as follows:**

- Candidates must be 13 years of age and no older than a high school sophomore at the time of application.
- Candidates must have been enrolled in 4-H for at least 2 years and must be currently enrolled in their County 4-H program.
- Candidates must be enthusiastic about 4-H as demonstrated by previous participation in 4-H leadership, community service and other activities. Must be willing to make 4-H a priority.
- Candidates must have a desire to serve and accept the responsibilities outlined in the Constitution and Handbook and be willing to prioritize time to fulfill their responsibilities as a 4-H ambassador.
- Candidates must complete the Montana 4-H Ambassador Application Form and submit it to the County Selection team.
- Candidates must exhibit and practice good moral standards and be in good academic standing.
- Candidates must have parent and Extension Staff support.

Ambassadors serve in various roles of leadership and program promotion.

## **These duties and responsibilities will include:**

- Promoting 4-H with potential members, parents and the general public.
- Helping conduct Local, County, District and State 4-H events.
- Organizing 4-H promotional and community service activities.
- Encouraging financial support for 4-H
- 4-H promotion through mass media and speaking appearances.
- Recruiting new members and helping organize new clubs.
- Making friends and having fun.
- Teaching 4-H leader workshops.
- Assisting in planning and attending State 4-H Congress.
- Ambassadors must enroll in the Montana Teen Leadership Project.
- Ambassadors must attend county Ambassador meetings.
- At least one member of the Ambassador Team will attend the quarterly Leaders Council Meeting.
- Ambassadors should make every possible effort to attend State 4-H Congress in July.
- Ambassadors must be willing and available to attend either Ambassadors Fall Training (Teachers Convention Weekend) or State 4-H Rec Lab (March/April).

## **The purpose of The Montana 4-H Ambassadors is to promote all phases of 4-H to all people by:**

- Assisting in developing 4-H projects and activities.
- Strengthening membership
- Encouraging youth input into county 4-H programming through existing councils and teen leader programs or formation of a 4-H youth council.
- Promoting the exchange of ideas and opportunities through 4-H
- Promoting a statewide Montana 4-H Ambassadors Leadership Program.

## **The objectives of The Montana 4-H Ambassadors shall be:**

- To further participation in and promotion of the Montana 4-H Program.
- To provide for the expression and communication of needs, interests and concerns of youth.
- To help promote public awareness and understanding of 4-H and the 4-H foundation throughout Montana.