May 6th, 2008

To: Ambassador Applicants
From: Megan Ruhn; 4-H Interim Faculty
Re: Ambassador Applications

I am pleased that you are interested in becoming an ambassador. Please fill out the following forms and turn them into me at the Douglas County Office by Tuesday, May 27th at 5:00pm. I will need time to go through them and sign off if you are interested in applying for the state positions. County applications will be due at the same time. Make sure you indicate on page two of the form, if you desire to serve on the state team, so it is clear what you are applying for. Thank you!

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at the Extension Office 5451-672-4461. Thank you!
OREGON 4-H AMBASSADOR APPLICATION

Becoming an Oregon 4-H Ambassador is an honor bestowed upon members who have been a part of 4-H for at least two years and are in grades 9 through 11 during the year of application. Applicants must have a reference form from someone not related and must have the approval of their County 4-H Agent. All parts of the application must be completed. Additional training including a session at Summer Conference may be required.

Please print clearly and return completed application to your county Extension office.

PART I – Who You Are
Name

Home Address

City Zip County

Best phone # to reach you

E-mail

Years in 4-H Age Grade Male Female

T-shirt size S M L XL

PART II – What You Have Done
This is a summary of your 4-H career to date. If you are also applying for National 4-H Congress or a 4-H Scholarship, attach a copy of the five page summary section of your resume OR briefly summarize your goals and experience in 4-H, including projects, camps, leadership roles and public relations activities. This can be done in list or in narrative form. No preference will be given to any format, however, please ensure the information is communicated clearly and is succinct.

PART III – What You Can Do
Please answer the following questions in narrative form, at least a half page but no more than one page per question.
1. Please explain why you want to be a 4-H Ambassador.

2. You are working a booth at the state fair and a parent of an elementary aged child stops by and asks, “why should my child join 4-H?” What would you tell them?
STATE AMBASSADOR TEAM

CHECK HERE if you are interested in representing 4-H on the State 4-H Ambassador Team _____

You must be in the 10th-11th grade at time of application and are required to participate in an interview at Summer Conference, a short impromptu speech, and be prepared to attend two out of three yearly trainings/meetings held at various locations in the state including: one at State Fair, one in Nov. at a location TBA, and one at the Oregon Leaders’ Forum.

Remember, although it is an honor to be selected, this is a working position

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** I also agree to serve as a youth resource for my county 4-H program and to be an enthusiastic supporter of Oregon 4-H.

Applicants Signature ________________________________________________

Parent (or legal guardian) Signature ____________________________________

APPLICATION IS DUE TO STATE 4-H OFFICE NO LATER THAN: MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008

I recommend the applicant as an ambassador and will support him/her in the Ambassador role.

County 4-H Agent Signature ____________________________________________
2008 OREGON 4-H AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant Name: _____________________________ County: __________

Please have this form filled out by a 4-H staff member or 4-H leader familiar with your work.

*Please rate the applicant on the following qualities with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest. If you have specific comments regarding a rating on a question please place those in the column to the side.*

How reliable is the applicant?

1  2  3  4  5

How would you rate the applicant’s verbal communication skills?

1  2  3  4  5

How would you rate the applicant’s written communication skills?

1  2  3  4  5

Does the applicant give timely responses to emails, phone calls, etc?

1  2  3  4  5

In public situations is the applicant’s behavior appropriate?

1  2  3  4  5

Is the applicant motivated and helpful?

1  2  3  4  5

General comments:

Signed: _____________________________ Date: _________________

Printed Name: _____________________________ Position: __________
Frequently Asked Questions Concerning the Oregon 4-H Ambassador Program

1. Do I have to become an Ambassador in order to apply for National 4-H Congress?
No. The Ambassador Program and National 4-H Congress are two completely different programs.

2. Can I be nominated by my county agent to become an Ambassador? You can be invited to apply to be an Ambassador by your county agent, but all applicants go through the same process. You must complete the Ambassador application, have a reference form, and be approved by your county agent (as noted by their signature on the application) before you will be eligible to attend the Ambassador Training.

3. Can I use my 4-H Resume as my application to be an Ambassador?
No/partially. For the Ambassador Training you must complete the Ambassador application. However, the summary section of the resume can be used for part of the Ambassador application.

4. What grade do I have to be in to apply to become a 4-H Ambassador?
For the 2007-08 school year, you must be in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade. That would make you an Ambassador as a 10th, 11th or 12th grader.

5. What grade do I have to be in to apply to become a 4-H State Ambassador?
For the 2007-08 school year, you must be in either the 10th or 11th grade. That would make you a State Ambassador as either an 11th or 12th grader.

6. What is the difference between 4-H Ambassadors and State 4-H Ambassador Team members?
All Statewide 4-H Ambassador Team members are 4-H Ambassadors, but not all 4-H Ambassadors are members of the Statewide Team. 4-H Ambassadors have been approved by their county 4-H agent and have completed the summer Ambassador Training. They return to their county to serve as a youth resource by working closely with the county 4-H staff in conducting and promoting 4-H events. Their primary responsibility is in their county, although they may be involved in more widespread activities.

Statewide Ambassador Team members are selected from 4-H County Ambassadors during the summer Ambassador Training. They then participate in additional training where they learn skills related to promoting 4-H throughout the state. They learn how to effectively tell the 4-H story to a variety of audiences such as legislators, donors, leaders and potential 4-Hers. They also learn skills to help them present a positive 4-H image in various situations. Statewide Team members will be selected during the summer conference.
7. How do I apply to become a member of the State Ambassador Team?
On the Ambassador application form, check the statement on page two that indicates you are interested in the State Ambassador Team. During Summer Conference, you will participate in an interview process. You will also be observed during Summer Conference for your level of participation, enthusiasm, promptness to sessions and ability to effectively present yourself in a positive manner.

8. Do I have to participate in the summer Ambassador Training every year in order to continue to be a 4-H Ambassador? No, however if you wish to try to become a member of the State 4-H Ambassador team you need to attend a training each year you apply.

9. If I am already an Ambassador, and will not be participating in the summer Ambassador Training a second time, will I still be eligible to become a State Ambassador? No, you need to attend the Summer Conference training each year you wish to be considered for a State Ambassador Team position. (exception see #11)

10. If I am selected as a State Ambassador, how long do I serve in that role?
Once selected, you will remain an active State Ambassador for the remainder of your career as a 4-H member.
There are two exceptions:
1) You choose to resign from being a State Ambassador or
2) You do not meet the expectations of being a State Ambassador.
(This could be a violation of the 4-H Code of Conduct or failure to be an active ambassador.)
As far as being an ambassador for 4-H, it is our hope that you will be a “4-H ambassador for life”, always supporting and promoting of the 4-H program.

11. I have 4-H camp at the same time as Summer Conference and can’t be at the selection/training, can I still be on the State Ambassador team? Yes/possibly. Since there are a limited number of positions on the state ambassador team and it is important that State Ambassadors be committed to the program preference may be shown to those who are physically at the training. That being said interested applicants who cannot make the training should work with their agent and the ambassador advisor to determine an individual plan.

If you have other questions about the program please contact Sara Miller at 541-737-6113 or sara.miller@oregonstate.edu