

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. *What age do I have to be to be a County 4-H Ambassador?*

You can apply to be a County Ambassador at age 12.

3. *What age do I have to be to be a 4-H State Ambassador?*

You can apply to be a State Ambassador at age 14.

4. *What is the difference between 4-H County Ambassadors and State Ambassadors?*

County Ambassadors have been approved by their county 4-H agent and have completed the Summer Conference Ambassador Training. They return to their county to serve as a youth resource and work closely with the county 4-H staff in conducting events and promoting 4-H. Their primary responsibility is in their county.

State Ambassadors are selected after interviews at Summer Conference. They then participate in additional training where they learn skills related to promoting 4-H throughout the state. They learn how to effectively tell their 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.

5. *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.

6. *Can I use my 4-H Resume as my application to be an Ambassador?*

You must complete the Ambassador application. The Resume is part of that application.

7. *Do I have to participate in Ambassador Training every year in order to continue to be a 4-H Ambassador?*

No, you only need to attend the training once.

8. *If I am selected as a State Ambassador, how long do I serve in that role?*

One year. If you want to continue as a State Ambassador, you must reapply each year.

9. I have 4-H camp at the same time as Summer Conference and can't be at the interview. Can I still be on the State Ambassador team?

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 attend. That being said, interested applicants who cannot make the training should work with their agent and the state ambassador advisor to determine an individual plan.

10. What costs are associated with being a State Ambassador?

We try very hard to keep the costs associated with being a State Ambassador low. Typically, apparel is provided free of charge. The annual retreat/training is also done at no cost to the ambassadors. You will be responsible for your own travel costs to and from events.

11. What should I wear to the interview?

Part of being a good ambassador is your judgment and that includes clothing choice. We would like to see how you would dress if you were at the fair, a recruitment day, or speaking at a donor event.