

## Gilliam County 4-H Ambassador

### Contract

It is both an honor and a responsibility to be selected as a Gilliam County 4-H Ambassador. You are a representative of your community, Gilliam County 4-H, the Oregon 4-H program and a role model to all 4-H youth. This is a time commitment and leadership role. If you feel that you cannot commit to the responsibilities below, you might want to rethink being an ambassador.

#### Criteria

- Must be freshman, sophomore, junior or senior in high school
- Must have been in 4-H for 3 years or more years
- Must be enrolled in the 4-H Program
- Must Maintain all school work & non-failing classes.
- Attach with application Letter of recommendation: (non-family member)
- Must be available to serve from October 1, of current year – until member graduates from high school

#### Objectives

- Develop personal leadership and communication skills and self-confidence.
- Model effective youth-adult partnerships.
- Change or improve the image of 4-H among selected audiences.

#### Roles of a County 4-H Ambassador

- Represent 4-H to the public.
- Be a role model to all 4-H members.
- Abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct; **any infraction is cause for dismissal**
- Promote 4-H to potential members and volunteers – make families and youth more aware of 4-H and the benefits it offers.
- Demonstrate the impact 4-H has on the lives of young people and the community.
- Promote 4-H to potential donors and give them opportunities to support the program.
- Be a resource to county and state 4-H staff.

#### Responsibilities of an Ambassador

- Work at one or more county events (Camps, Clinics, 4-H Friday's etc.).
- Participate in fundraisers for countywide events and special ambassador fundraisers.
- Attend and help with the annual 4-H benefit dinner and auction or other 4-H benefit.
- Help design and assemble the 4-H parade float.
- Pre-Fair events: Help at weigh-ins and Fair Cleanup Day by being there and by recruiting help.
- Fair: Help with weigh-ins, Friday's public style show, Saturday awards and other contests.
- Attend and present at the annual awards and recognition night.

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#### Additional responsibilities (do at least one per year)

- Help with a countywide community service project.
- Attend a 4-H Association meeting.
- Attend a Gilliam County Fair Board Meeting.
- Visit schools to talk about the ambassador program and 4-H in general.
- Help county staff with trainings (new leader training, record book training, parliamentary procedure training, etc.).
- Write an article for the local newspaper.
- Write an article for the 4-H newsletter.

#### Rewards (all subject to change)

- Recognition at Fair Awards and Achievement Night
- Ambassador jacket
- T-shirts to wear at events
- Resume/Scholarship building experience
- Pizza party during Fair

By accepting the role of a Gilliam County 4-H Ambassador, I agree to serve as a youth resource for my county 4-H Program and to be an enthusiastic supporter of Oregon 4-H until I graduate from high school. If I am unable to fulfill all requirements or have to resign being an ambassador before graduation, I understand that I will forfeit my jacket and pay back all scholarship money I have received.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (or legal guardian) Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Ambassador Leader's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Program Coordinator's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_