

Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team Application for 2019-2020 Term

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Team Membership Criteria:

- Applicants must be 4-H members or recent 4-H alumni, ages 16-21 as of September 1, 2019.
- Terms are 2 years in length, beginning September 1. Members can serve a maximum of two, 2-year terms (4 years) if age allows.
- Applicants under the age of 18 must have parental or guardian support. The adult's signature is required on the application.
- Team members must attend at least 75% of both face-to-face meetings; 75% of the scheduled Telenets each year of their term; and attend *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training within the first year of team membership (if not already trained). If these meeting requirements are not met, the advisors will contact the team member to determine appropriate action, which may include dismissal from the team. Face-to-face meetings include two weekends (Fri night through Sunday) which may include receiving professional training, planning, or hosting educational livestock leadership events, as well as fun activities. Telenets are 1-2 hour teleconference calls, held 5-6 times throughout the year.
- Team members must be active participants in at least 2 statewide events or represent 4-H on a statewide committee **and** the Livestock Ambassador Leadership Conference each year. ("Active" participation includes playing a role of some sort, planning, writing curriculum, teaching, assisting with set-up/tear-down, etc.; NOT just attendance at the event.) Examples of statewide events/committees include; Legislative Connection, IFB Youth Education Committee, State Fair Advisory Board, State Judging contests, Farm Focus, etc. Some committees meet year-round; others require only a couple of teleconferences and the event.

Selection:

- Team membership will consist of 22 young adults from throughout the state. Applicants are sought from throughout the state to represent the best of Illinois 4-H livestock mastery and leadership. **Currently, we will be interviewing for 10 member positions for the 2019-2020 term.**
- Selection will be based on a completed application, a phone interview, and one Reference Evaluation. References can be from an Extension staff member OR 4-H volunteer leader OR a high school or college instructor. (In case of a home-schooled applicant, the reference must come from another member of the community.) Family members should not be completing the evaluations!
- **Completed applications must be postmarked by: June 1, 2019**

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Completed applications MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 1, 2019. Applications must include the following:

- Typed or printed application form
- Current photo of applicant (*A professional photo is not required.*)
- One completed Reference Evaluation (RE), as described on attached. **RE should not be completed by family members. RE's MUST be placed in a sealed envelope by the person completing the evaluation, with the signature of the evaluator across the seal.**

Applications should be sent to: **Dan Jennings, LAT Application, 1100 E. Warrenville Road, Suite 170, Naperville IL 60563.**

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

College Address (*if applicable*) _____

Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

E-mail: (*if you have 2, list them both*) _____

Birthdate (*xx/xx/xxxx*) _____ No. Years in 4-H _____

County _____ Name of 4-H Club _____

Please list your primary specie involvement in 4-H (example, show pigs, show cattle, etc.) _____

Please attach a current photograph to this application.

*Please indicate **Leadership** positions that you have held (current & past) in or out of the 4-H program by checking the appropriate boxes:*

_____ Club Officer: _____

_____ 4-H Show Assistant or Jr. Supt.: _____

_____ County/Multi-County Group Committee Chairman: _____

_____ Jr. Breed Association, please list: _____

_____ Extension Council or 4-H Youth Committee: _____

_____ County 4-H Ambassador: _____

_____ County Workshop Instructor: _____

_____ Other: (*please list*): _____

Which words come *closest* to describing your personality style/interests (*Select a maximum of three*):

- Enjoy science, methodical, check out all the alternatives before making decisions
- Fun-loving, risk-taker, enjoy coming up with new ideas
- Love technology, always on computer
- Outdoors whenever possible
- Organized, live by the calendar
- Relationship-oriented, enjoy being with friends
- Competitive sports

What other types of activities/groups will you be involved in over the next 1-2 years that would also require your time?

- School Club(s): (*please list*) _____
- Other Community Organizations: (*please list*) _____

- Religious Activities: (*please list*) _____
- Employment: (*please list*) _____
- Other: (*please list*) _____

Do not add additional pages to this application.

1) Please describe your ideal job and your career plans:

2) Please describe your livestock activities and accomplishments (major ones, you do not have to list every placing you have received in 4-H):

- 3) The State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team will take responsibility for planning and implementing a conference geared towards junior high students, including teaching workshops and planning extra livestock related activities. In what ways do you feel you can contribute to planning for this event? What skills would you bring to the team to help with this event? What suggestions do you have for workshops or activities for youth at this age level?
- 4) As noted on the Team Membership Criteria, serving on the State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team does take time – more in some months than others. Do you feel your schedule is flexible enough to fit the many meetings and activities needed on an annual basis? Please share your thoughts on adapting your current schedule.

If selected to the State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team, I realize that I am required to attend at least 75% of both face-to-face weekend meetings, 75% of scheduled Telenets during each year of my term, AND attend a *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training within the first year of team membership. I am required to actively participate in a *minimum* of 2 of the events and activities that the LAT supports. I am also expected to provide quarterly reports to my assigned county Extension staff. I realize that should I fail to meet these requirements that I may be dismissed from the Livestock Ambassador Team.

Applicant Signature: _____

If applicant is under 18 years of age:

As a parent/guardian of the applicant, I support their application for the State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team and understand the commitment they are making to the group. I will provide support as necessary for them to fulfill their commitment.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Name of Applicant _____

Name of Evaluator _____ Signature: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Circle one: Extension Staff 4-H Volunteer High School/College Instructor Youth Peer Other: _____

Evaluator, please rate the applicant on the following (U - unknown and 1-poor to 5-excellent). Each evaluator should **place the completed form in a sealed envelope** with the applicant’s name on the front and the evaluator’s signature across the seal. Envelopes should be returned to the 4-H member for attachment to the application.

<i>Leadership; Teamwork; Volunteerism</i>	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Poor</i>					<i>Excellent</i>
	U	1	2	3	4	5	
Ability to work w/ different and diverse audiences (i.e. adults, younger children, ethnic groups, etc.)	U	1	2	3	4	5	
Actively participates in meetings and discussions	U	1	2	3	4	5	
Does fair share of work on joint projects	U	1	2	3	4	5	
Serves as an appropriate role model for peers and younger youth	U	1	2	3	4	5	
Communicates ideas effectively	U	1	2	3	4	5	
Ability to get others to work together; compromise	U	1	2	3	4	5	
Volunteers to assist; carries through with responsibilities; knows when to say “no”	U	1	2	3	4	5	
<i>Citizenship</i>							
Willingness to work with others, regardless of diversity within a group	U	1	2	3	4	5	
Takes a stand on issues that applicant believes in	U	1	2	3	4	5	
Ability to work w/ authority figures	U	1	2	3	4	5	
Involvement in community service activities	U	1	2	3	4	5	
Willingly interacts with younger people they do not know	U	1	2	3	4	5	
Willingly steps out of comfort zone when in new audiences	U	1	2	3	4	5	
<i>Professionalism</i>							
Attitude (i.e. positive, professional, not arrogant)	U	1	2	3	4	5	
Appearance, dressed appropriately for situation (neat, well-groomed)	U	1	2	3	4	5	
Accepts/completes work assignments	U	1	2	3	4	5	
Exhibits enthusiasm in regard to increasing knowledge	U	1	2	3	4	5	
Uses proper etiquette	U	1	2	3	4	5	
Exhibits appropriate behavior in public venues	U	1	2	3	4	5	
Demonstrates respect for authority figures	U	1	2	3	4	5	

Please add any additional comments regarding this applicant on the reverse side.