



# **Santa Barbara County Ambassador Application**

**Applications Due August 1<sup>st</sup>**

## **Application Guidelines**

### **Personal Data - Section 1**

This section deals with name, age, address, etc. but also includes a few very important questions that are critical to the selection process. DO NOT leave any part of section 1 unanswered. This could result in the applicant not be considered for All Star.

### **Personal Experiences - Section 2**

This section deals with your personal experience in 4-H and outside of 4-H. Please answer each item. If an item does not apply to your experiences, state that under the appropriate item. That way the County Ambassador Selection Committee will not assume you failed to answer the item. Please limit your inputs to the space provided.

### **Applicants Comments - Section 3**

This section is where you can describe, explain, or comment on things that you think are important as part of your County Ambassador application. Please limit your inputs to the space provided.

### **Community Club Leader Comments - Section 4**

This section is for your 4-H Community Club Leader to make a recommendation or comments that would be pertinent to your selection as an County Ambassador. This section must be completed by the Community Club Leader. It is also important that the Community Club Leader send section 4 directly to the 4-H Office in Santa Barbara. DO NOT include this section with your completed application.

### **Letters of Recommendation - Section 5**

This section is for two people to make a recommendation and comments that will help the Selection Committee. Must be someone other than a parent/guardian and/or the Community Club Leader. **DO NOT** include them with the application. *(Suggestion - Include with your blank recommendation letter a stamped, addressed envelope so that the people who recommend you can just drop it in the mail.)*

### **Authentication - Section 6**

This section must be completed with all the appropriate signatures. Should this section of the application be incomplete, the application will be returned to the applicant, if the due date has not past.

**Do not forget to sign the County Ambassador Agreement Form and include it with the application.**

If the due date has past, the application will be considered incomplete and may not be forwarded to the County Ambassador Selection Committee for consideration.

# **Application Process and Check List**

The following section describes the application process. Please read very carefully and complete the County Ambassador application in its entirety. This checklist is for your reference only.

A County Ambassador applicant 15 years of age as of **August 1**, of the year applying. Has earned a **Gold Star, Platinum Star, or Emerald Star**

Complete all sections of the County Ambassador application.

Have the 4-H Community Club Leader complete Section 4 of the application. Receive two Letters of Recommendation from various sources. These forms are not to be sent with your application, but separately.

Make sure that all the required signatures have been obtained in Section 6.

My parent/guardian and I have read and signed the Santa Barbara County 4-H County Ambassador Agreement and have enclosed it with my application form.

**Return the County Ambassador Application to the 4-H Office in Santa Barbara by August 1st to:**

**UC Cooperative Extension  
Santa Barbara County 4-H Youth Development Program  
7127 Hollister Ave, Suite 7  
Goleta, CA 93117**

Note: An interview will be scheduled by either the 4-H Office or the County Ambassador Chairperson.

Please type or print clearly

Due By August 1st

# Santa Barbara County 4-H County Ambassador Application

## Personal Data - Section 1

Name		Club	
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Address			
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(Please print)

City		Zip	
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(Please print)

Telephone		E-Mail	
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Age as of Apr. 1 this year		Date of Birth	
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***Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability:***

Year(s) in 4-H (including this year)		Year in school	
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Year received Gold Star, Platinum Star, or Emerald Star	
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Do you have a full or part time job ?	
If yes, about how many hours per week	

Do you anticipate having a job while you are a County Ambassador?	
If yes, about how many hours per week	

Do you have the time to devote to the 4-H program and the County Ambassador?	
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Will you have transportation to and from County Ambassador commitments ?	
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Can you attend evening meetings, if required ?	
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Can you attend weekend events, activities, etc. ?	
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Is there anything that could interfere with your ability to perform as a County Ambassador?	
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If so, please explain.


## Personal Experiences - Section 2

The following sections are intended to determine your involvement in the 4-H program and to provide information as to the amount of time you are willing to devote to the County Ambassador Program.

Please be accurate when completing this portion.

**I. 4-H Club Offices.** Please list the club offices you have held or are holding and the year you held the office.

Club Offices Held	Year

**II. Junior / Teen Leader in club projects.** Please list the club projects in which you have been either a Junior or Teen Leader and the year(s), including this year.

Club Project	Type of Leader - Junior or Teen	Year

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**III. Other Leadership Roles.** Please list other leadership role(s) other than club offices, such as 4-H Regional Council Representative, club level, school, church, community organizations, etc.).

Other Leadership Roles	Year (if known)

**IV. 4-H events attended in Santa Barbara County.** Please mark the 4-H county events, etc. you have participated in during the last two years. (4-H year = July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>)

Santa Barbara County 4-H Event	Two years ago	Last year	This year

V. Events attended outside Santa Barbara County 4-H Events (Regional, State, National).

<b>Out-of-County 4-H Event</b>	<b>Date(s)/Year(s)</b>

VI. **Extracurricular activities.** Please list any extracurricular activities, such as sports, community, church, social, etc. that you are involved in or plan to be involved in during the year you will be an County Ambassador.

<b>Extracurricular Activities</b>	<b>Time-of-Year</b>

**VII. Academic activities.** Please describe your academic workload; such as amount of time academics require of you, time spent outside of the classroom on academics. Please do not list your classes or schedule.


### **Your Comments - Section 3**

In this section you are asked to summarize your leadership experiences, why you want to be an County Ambassador, and what you are expecting from the County Ambassador Program. Please limit your responses to the space provided.

**I. Describe your leadership skills and experiences.**


**II. Why do you want to be an County Ambassador?**






### Community Club Leader Comments - Section 4

**DUE NO LATER THAN: August 1st**

<b>Applicants Name</b>	
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(Please print)

<b>Applicants Club</b>	
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(Please print)

<b>Community Club Leader's Name</b>	
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(Please print)

**NOTE:** This section must be completed and mailed by the Community Club Leader. It can NOT be returned with the completed application. This is for your privacy and honesty. You are under NO obligation to provide a copy of this letter to the applicant. Please mail to:

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In this section, as the Community Club Leader, you are asked to write a few comments about the County Ambassador applicant; describing the applicant. Please limit the comments to the space provided.


As Community Club Leader, I hereby state that the applicant is a member in good standing in the 4-H Club, embodies the spirit and enthusiasm for the Santa Barbara County 4-H Program, and is being recommended for consideration as a County Ambassador.

<b>Signature of Community Club Leader</b>	
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## Letters of Recommendation - Section 5

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**This section is for two people to make a recommendation and comments that will help the Selection Committee. Must be someone other than a parent/guardian and/or the Community Club Leader. There are two form letters for you to use at the end of this application. (Suggestion - Include with your blank recommendation letter a stamped, addressed envelope so that the people who recommend you can just drop it in the mail.)**

**NOTE: The letters can NOT be returned with the completed application. Please make sure they are mailed to:**

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## Authentication - Section 6

I have personally prepared this application and believe it to be correct. I understand that should any statements be purposely stated false or inaccurate, I can be denied further consideration for County Ambassador.

Signature of Member	Date
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As the parent or guardian of the applicant for County Ambassador, I have reviewed this application and believe it to be correct. Should any statements be purposely stated false or inaccurate, I understand that the applicant for County Ambassador can be denied further consideration for County Ambassador.

Signature of Parent or Guardian	Date
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As Community Leader I have reviewed this application and believe it to be correct. Should any statements be purposely stated false or inaccurate, I understand that the applicant for County Ambassador can be denied further consideration for County Ambassador.

Signature of Community Club Leader	Date
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# UC 4-H in Santa Barbara County Ambassador Agreement

It shall be the duty of each County Ambassador to become fully acquainted with the requirements and responsibilities of being an County Ambassador as defined in the State County Ambassador 4-H Resource Handbook. The County Ambassador must agree to the requirements stated in the 4-H County Ambassador Program Handbook and the requirements and conditions list in this agreement.

1. County Ambassador must attend at least 80% of the events, activities, and functions as defined in the County Ambassador Plan of Action for the year(s) that the County Ambassador is active.
2. County Ambassador shall wear the County Ambassador uniform (white pants, white button-up shirt, 4-H tie or scarf, and white 4-H hat; or other such uniform as designated by the All Stars and in concurrence with the County Ambassador Advisor and the Youth Leadership Committee) to all county events, 4-H functions other than club functions, or when representing the County Ambassador program within the county, state, or country.
3. County Ambassador must exhibit exemplary behavior, be respectful to all, shall not use any foul or abusive language (including gestures), be a role model to other 4-H members, and display a positive attitude. Possession or use of illegal drugs and alcohol, theft or vandalism of person or property at any 4-H event, activity, or function is unacceptable behavior.
5. Once an County Ambassador, always an County Ambassador. However, County Ambassador are committed to being an active County Ambassador for at least the first year. Upon completion of the year, County Ambassador are to help, if possible, the following year (if only in an advisory capacity).
6. To be an 'County Ambassador in Good Standing' and receive the **County Ambassador Outstanding Performance Award**, you must be an active County Ambassador, adhere to this agreement, comply with County Ambassador Program rules and guidelines as stated in the County Ambassador Program Handbook, and comply with the County Ambassador Plan of Action.
7. County Ambassadors not demonstrating a commitment to the County Ambassador Program or who shows unwillingness to work, or failure to represent the County Ambassador Program may not be awarded the **County Ambassador Outstanding Performance Award**. The County Ambassador may be reviewed and disciplinary action taken by the Santa Barbara County 4-H Youth Development Program Management Board, and possible dismissal from the County Ambassador Program.
8. County Ambassadors must meet with the other County Ambassadors and County Ambassador Advisor. County Ambassador are voting members of the Santa Barbara County 4-H Youth Development Management Board and are expected to attend Management Board meetings. County Ambassador are expected to develop an County Ambassador Plan of Action for the year. County Ambassador may have to attend some evening and weekend meetings, events, and activities. In addition, County Ambassador are encouraged to attend the California 4-H State Leadership Conference usually held the first part of August.

By signing this agreement, the County Ambassador and parent are stating that they have read the County Ambassador Program Handbook, completed the County Ambassador application correctly, agree to the requirements and conditions, as stated above and in the State County Ambassador 4-H Resource Handbook.

County Ambassador's Signature		Date

As a parent of a County Ambassador your cooperation and support are required in order to support your County Ambassador in fulfilling the requirements as defined in this application and the State County Ambassador 4-H Ambassador Resource Handbook.

Parent/Guardian Signature		Date

## Recommendation for Santa Barbara County Ambassador

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<b>Applicants Name</b>	
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(Please print)

<b>How long have you known the applicant?</b>		
<b>Relationship to applicant:</b>		

**To what degree do you recommend this applicant?**

<b>Highly (1)</b>		<b>Okay (3)</b>	
<b>Good (2)</b>		<b>Doubtful (4)</b>	

**Personal rating of the applicant (Circle rating for each characteristic):**

	High				Fair				Low	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Leadership</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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<b>Honest</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Judgment</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

**Comments (use other side if needed):**

Describe - leadership, enthusiasm, acceptance of responsibility, ability to work with others, etc.

<b>Signed</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>Title</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
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