



## Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador

### Application Packet

#### **Deadline –March 1st to Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports State Coordinator**

Please prepare a complete application packet and mail or email your application to the State Shooting Sports Coordinator. The Committee will select two candidates per region they will be identified as our primary and secondary candidates. The secondary candidate will be accepted depending on space availability. Applicants must be at least 12 years of age by January 1, 2024, to apply. It is recommended that the candidates also have at least one year left in 4-H.

All applicants selected to serve as Missouri Shooting Sports Ambassadors must attend a one-day training session to be held March 30, 2024. Location for this training will be determined by February.

A completed packet includes the following:

1. A letter of reference from your county 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator or Discipline Instructor and one from the 4-H Specialist / Educator responsible for your county.
2. Resume for Applicant - include school, 4-H, community memberships, activities and awards.
3. Short Essay on Why I would like to be an Ambassador (300-500 words)
4. *Acceptance of the Missouri 4-H Member Code of Conduct* (in 4-H Online)
5. *Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Application Form*
6. *Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Certification Form* (complete with all signatures)
7. One 5 x 7 – Portrait Color Photograph and Digital Copy (jpeg or tif)

Send completed application packet to:

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## 2024 Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of Jan. 1 of current Year): \_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

List Local Newspaper/Media Outlet:

\_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H Shooting Sports (fill those that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ Archery          \_\_\_\_\_ Shotgun          \_\_\_\_\_ Muzzle loading

\_\_\_\_\_ Pistol          \_\_\_\_\_ Rifle          \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting Skills

\_\_\_\_\_ Western Heritage

The following information is to assure that any clothing ordered for you will fit properly.

Polo Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_



## 2024 Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Certification Form

- I will be active in my club and county 4-H program, as well as maintain an acceptable academic standard in school during my service as a 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador. I understand that I am obligated to present at my county's Regional Extension Energizer on the promotion of Missouri's 4-H Shooting Sports program. Further, I am willing to conduct myself in the highest standards expected of an Ambassador.*

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*We (I) understand that our (my) son/daughter wishes to serve as a 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador. We (I) will support him/her in fulfilling the responsibilities should he/she be selected.*

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*We certify that the above named 4-H'er is enrolled, active and in good standing in our 4-H shooting sports club and county 4-H program. We will help him/her in the preparation of their presentation session at our Regional Extension Energizer. We support his/her application for the position of 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador.*

4 - H Club Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

4-H Youth Specialist or YPA Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## **Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program Guidelines**

Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program is designed to promote 4-H and 4-H Shooting Sports. Youth selected to serve as Ambassadors will receive training that will allow them to return to their homes and advocate for the program at the county, regional, and state level. Ambassadors provide public relations support at special events such as donor/sponsor functions and also serve as spokespersons for the 4-H Shooting Sports Program, helping to make 4-H and the 4-H Shooting Sports Programs more visible. The Ambassador's further develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations and team building.

### **PURPOSE, GOALS, OBJECTIVES**

The 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador program will provide a venue for 4-H Teens to:

1. Represent 4-H and specifically 4-H Shooting Sports for public relations purposes at special events; at donor/sponsor functions and with the general public, 4-H groups, community service organizations, schools and media contacts.
2. Serve as spokespersons for the 4-H Shooting Sports program at their respective levels of participation – national, regional, state, county - helping to make 4-H Shooting Sports programs more visible.
3. Further develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations and team building.
4. Assist in maintaining relations with 4-H Faculty and Extension Administrators as well as past, present and future program donors and supporters.
5. Continue and expand their involvement in 4-H Shooting Sports beyond the shooting skills and competitive events.
6. Stay actively connected with the 4-H Shooting Sports program as they enter their collegiate years and further into adulthood.
7. This Program will serve as a gateway to becoming an National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador

## **PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS**

By being selected as a Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador, you will be representing over 8,000 4-H youth in Missouri. What you say and do is very important. Remember, you never get a second chance to make a good first impression. As an Ambassador you may meet with donors who are CEO's of companies or organizations and you always need to put your best foot forward. The way you dress, the way you speak and act are very important when you are serving as an Ambassador.

- **You are expected to present at your county's Regional Extension Energizer on the promotion of Missouri's 4-H Shooting Sports Program.**
- **You are expected to assist at any local sponsor (NRA, NWTF, MidwayUSA, MDC etc.) event and/or banquet. You will be required to attend at least 1 per year**
- You are expected to be on time, so plan to be early to any event.
- You need to respond promptly to any emails or phone calls from the Program Coordinator and/or the volunteer coordinator and your chaperon for the event.
- It is very important that you send thank you notes immediately following the event. You will be given names and addresses so that you can fulfill this obligation.
- You may get tired at events, but you always need to be cheerful and ready to respond positively to everyone.
- A mature attitude and outlook is required.
- Ambassadors may be asked by the State Shooting Sports Coordinator or the Volunteer Coordinator to serve as a representative at a local, regional, or state event.
- Program Coordinator must approve events that you seek on your own
- Attendance at the State Shoot and Shooting Sports Day at the State Fair will be required even if you are not a participant.
- Participation and active involvement on at least one of the sub committees will be required.
- You will be expected to submit an annual report of your activities at the annual meeting.

## **BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS**

A goal of the 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors program is to provide opportunities for youth to build character and develop their leadership skills. Ambassadors are expected to uphold the 4-H Code of Conduct at all times.

## **DRESS CODE**

Ambassadors are expected to dress in a manner befitting young men and women. Modesty, neatness, well groomed and practicality will be the guiding principles. Attention to details is important, so here are some tips for both men and women. Make sure you have:

- well-groomed hairstyle
- cleaned and trimmed fingernails
- minimal cologne or perfume
- no visible body piercing beyond conservative ear piercings for women
- well-brushed teeth and fresh breath
- no gum, candy, or other objects in your mouth
- minimal jewelry
- no body odor

Ambassadors are not to wear torn (intentional or otherwise) or sloppy clothing. Tank tops, muscle shirts, bare midriffs, low necklines, sundresses, and tight or otherwise revealing clothing will not be allowed. This applies to all spandex fashions. T-shirts with negative, outlandish, disrespectful messages or pictures will not be allowed. Also, you are representing 4-H, shirts with the logos of other youth organizations should not be worn. Ambassadors are to have no visible tattoos.

Ambassadors may wear shorts and skirts of modest style and length. Shorts, skorts, and skirts must be at least finger-tip length, with arms extended and shoulders relaxed, while standing, so that modesty is maintained at all times. Females - Blouses/shirts must be tucked in when low-rise slacks/jeans/skirts/ are worn. Males – Casual or dress slacks should be worn with shirttails tucked in. All footwear should be clean, neat, shined and adhere to the Missouri Shooting Sports footwear policy.

When serving as a Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador, you need to remember that you are representing the 4-H Shooting Sports youth to the public and you need to make the best impression possible.