

STATE 4-H



AMBASSADOR

&

DIPLOMAT

INFORMATION

NEW MEXICO STATE 4-H AMBASSADOR & DIPLOMAT PROGRAM

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any **mature, devoted** New Mexico senior 4-H'er who will remain an eligible 4-H member during the year of service, January 2011 through January 2012.

The 4-H member must be a New Mexico resident during the year of service.

An Ambassador or Diplomat cannot serve simultaneously as a State 4-H Council Officer.

The candidate must be an active 4-H member in good standing with his or her club and council.

If there are 10 or fewer candidates running there will be interviews for just an ambassador team. If there are 11 or more candidates running, interviews will take place for both teams. The candidates will be notified about the selection process once all applications have been received by the deadline in the State 4-H Office.

Financial Obligations

An Ambassador must contribute a total of \$500. A request can be made to the County 4-H Council for up to \$250, however the council is not required to contribute. The Ambassador or county donors must contribute to the balance.

A Diplomat must contribute a total of \$500. A request can be made to the County 4-H Council for up to \$250, however the council is not required to contribute. The Diplomat or county donors must contribute to the balance.

Applicants must secure financial support from the county council prior to applying. If financial support exceeds county 4-H council's financial capabilities, the county council, under the direction of the county extension agents responsible for 4-H, may develop a county level candidate selection process to reduce the number of applicants being submitted to the State 4-H Office.

In addition, Ambassadors and Diplomats have the option to purchase and/or construct a distinctive dress uniform (see memo for additional expenses), as well as official dress.

TIME REQUIRED FOR LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS

Once chosen as an ambassador/diplomat, there will be specific events you are required to attend.

- ◆ January 29-30, 2011 - Senior Leadership Retreat - Albuquerque, NM.
- ◆ February 4-6, 2011- Weekend Training - Ruidoso, NM.
- ◆ March, 2011 - State 4-H Conference planning meeting.
- ◆ June 2011 – JOLT in Arizona - Ambassadors and Diplomats
- ◆ June/July 2011 - Workshops at district contests.
- ◆ July 8-10, 2011 - State Conference prep.
- ◆ July 11-15, 2011 - State 4-H Conference - Las Cruces, NM.
- ◆ July 15, 2011 - Orientation with new State 4-H Officer Team - Las Cruces, NM.
- ◆ September 9-11, 2011 - Leadership team training - Albuquerque, NM.
Preparations for parade and initial planning of Youth Get-Away and Senior Leadership Retreat.
- ◆ September 12-16, 2011 - Albuquerque, NM. (tentative)
Assist with different volunteer duties throughout the week.
(This is not mandatory unless you are showing or can miss the **whole** week of school with permission from your parents and teachers.)
- ◆ November 2011 - Leadership team training - Las Cruces, NM.
- ◆ Other Meetings:
 - Orientation Day - Evening prior to departure for JOLT (may be a conference call).
 - New Mexico 4-H Foundation meetings.
 - Other assignments or meetings as needed.
- ◆ January 28-29, 2012 - Senior Leadership Retreat - Albuquerque, NM

If an Ambassador or Diplomat is of high school age, he/she is expected to remain in good academic standing with his/her school while serving in that capacity. Due to absences involved, candidates must be able to maintain good grades and positive relationships with school administrators and instructors. **Failure to fulfill expectations or less than desirable behavior at the local, county, or state level may result in the State 4-H Office terminating the services of an Ambassador or Diplomat.**

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

Four senior 4-H members will be designated as Ambassadors and four will be designated as Diplomats. Ambassador and Diplomat roles are:

JOINT REPOSIBILITIES

Assist with junior livestock program, tours, parade, and receptions at state fair.

Senior Leadership Retreat responsibilities:

- Serve senior age 4-H audience.
- Plan and conduct sessions.
- Plan and conduct a community service activity.
- Present a Team Report.
- Conduct workshops.

State 4-H Conference responsibilities:

- Conduct a workshop as a team.
- Host a dance.
- Assist with operation of contests and workshops.
- Assist with the community service activity.
- In conjunction with officers, conduct awards.

Present *Welcome to 4-H!* and leadership workshops as requested by counties/districts.

Be able to speak at county programs and to groups when invited.

Assist officers with assignments when invited and funded.

Participate in planning and implementing fundraising activities and events.

AMBASSDORS & DIPLOMATS

Will still perform the role of Ambassador and Diplomat after their term is complete upon request of the State 4-H Office or a particular county

Assist with New Mexico 4-H Youth Foundation in donor contacts and public relations.

Provide training and support to county ambassadors and diplomats.

Greet and interact with foundation members and donors at State 4-H Conference.

Teach recreation workshops at district contests.

Represent New Mexico at JOLT in Herber, AZ.

State 4-H Ambassadors and Diplomats are permitted to participate in one competitive event during State 4-H Conference if it does not conflict with any other responsibilities.

AMBASSADOR/DIPLOMAT APPLICATION INFORMATION

Interviews for each candidate will be scheduled on Friday, January 27, 2010, in Albuquerque, NM at the Marriott Hotel, at Louisiana and I-40. Each candidate should be prepared to answer questions about the 4-H program, participate in a group session and give a **five-minute public speech or illustrated talk** (no messy props) on the topic below. No expenses will be paid.

TOPIC: 4-H programs are struggling to keep senior members enrolled. What approach could the 4-H program make to retain and encourage senior age youth to remain in or become part of the program?

Applicant should furnish two reference sheets.

One reference must be provided by the County 4-H Agent, in the applicant's county.

One reference must be provided by another person, other than family, that is familiar with the applicant's qualifications.

Only the reference forms provided by the State 4-H Office will be accepted.

References **must** be in the State 4-H Office by **November 15, 2010**.

The person completing the form should mail reference forms directly to the State 4-H Office at the address below.

Five persons will be on the selection committee. They are but not limited to -

- 2 County extension agents
- 1 Community member
- 1 Faculty member of NMSU
- 1 4-H Alumnus.

Please encourage those that are eligible to participate in this worthwhile program.

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