



## Application for Lincoln County 4-H Ambassadors 2009-2010



4-H keeps on getting better and we need to spread the word. The 4-H program is one of the largest out-of-school education youth organizations in the world.

What has 4-H done for you? Has it developed your leadership skills? Has it provided information and training in a certain project area? Has it influenced your career choice?

Here is a chance to share your experience, learn public presentation skills, have fun and tell the 4-H story. We are now accepting applications for 4-H Ambassadors. As an Ambassador, you will represent the Lincoln County 4-H program and be involved in the following:

- Attend Ambassador meetings and training sessions
- Assist with 4-H Events/Activities
  - √ Emcee county festivals and contests
  - √ Assist with awards/recognition events
- Reach the public with the 4-H story
  - √ Talk to community groups and schools
  - √ Talk on radio programs
  - √ Write newspaper articles
  - √ Represent 4-H in parades
  - √ Assist with promotion at the county fair
  - √ Promote 4-H during National 4-H Week
- Create inner organizational 4-H understanding
  - √ Talk to 4-H clubs
  - √ Work with leaders
  - √ Contribute articles to 4-H Express
- Assist at the county fair
- Assist with other activities as designated by the 4-H Board of Directors, Fair Board and/or the 4-H Youth Development Agent and/or Program Advisor
- Work with After / Before School Programs to help bring 4-H to more youth

For more information and an application form, contact the UW-Extension Office. Applications are due to the UW-Extension Office by September 7<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will take place at the September 23<sup>rd</sup> Board of Director's Meeting. All applications will receive a letter, along with an interview schedule. Returning Ambassadors may or may not be interviewed. New Ambassador duties will begin in October 2009 through October 2010.



# Lincoln County 4-H Ambassador Contract



Being a Lincoln County 4-H Ambassador is both an honor and a privilege. You are not only the face of Lincoln County 4-H but you are leaders. Each member of the 4-H Ambassador is an asset to the program. When a member is habitually missing from meetings it creates difficulty to the others to plan effectively. To make sure that each Ambassador contributes to the program this contract was developed by the 4-H Ambassadors and approved by the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Association Board of Directors. The ambassadors agreed to have three evaluations with the Board of Directors to determine the fulfillment of the following terms:

- Attend a minimum of ½ of the Ambassador meetings.
- Follow through on activities that they agree to attend.
- Participate to their fullest ability.

The consequences for not complying with these terms are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phase
  - Verbal warning
  - Ambassador must send a note of apology and verbally apologize to other 4-H ambassadors
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase
  - Come before the board of directors to explain lack of participation.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase
  - No longer able to participate as an ambassador for the rest of the year.
  - Must interview to become an ambassador in future years.
- Non compliance of any consequences not completed by the end of the next time period.
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Evaluations will be held as follows:

	Time Period	Evaluation Date	Decision effective
Initial Evaluation	October - December	January Board Meeting	February 1 <sup>st</sup>
Second Evaluation	January - February	February Board Meeting	March 1 <sup>st</sup>
Third Evaluation	March - April	April Board Meeting	May 1 <sup>st</sup>

The following **Ground Rules** were established to make meetings more productive:

- Stop and Start on Time
- Turn off electronic devices
- No side conversations
- Respect each other's views
- Contribute



# LINCOLN COUNTY AMBASSADOR APPLICATION FORM 2009-2010



Please return form by **Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** to:

UW-Extension Office  
801 N. Sales Street  
Suite 101  
Merrill WI 54452

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Years In 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
 New Ambassador:  Yes  No If Returning, How Many Years As An Ambassador: \_\_\_\_\_

### Project Listing

List projects in which you have been enrolled, indicate years, and if you are presently enrolled.

<u>Project</u>	<u>No. of Years in Project</u>	<u>Currently Enrolled</u>	<u>Youth Leader</u>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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### 4-H Participation and Leadership

Briefly describe your participation in the following areas. Include offices held and committee activities. Also include your leadership activities and public speaking/performing.

1. 4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. District & State Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Non 4-H (i.e.: Church, School, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please complete the following statement: I would like to become a 4-H Ambassador and feel I am qualified because: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4-H Leader's Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian Permission: I agree that my child may apply for the position of Ambassador, and will support their commitment to the program and assist my child to fulfill the ambassador contract in whatever way necessary, if selected.

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

In applying for a Lincoln County 4-H Ambassador Position, I agree to adhere to the ambassador contract, contribute to the group and take an active leadership role in county events and activities.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_