

WEBER COUNTY 4-H HORSE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM GUIDELINES

In honor of the Utah 4-H Centennial, 4-H horse project members in 3rd-12th grades (grade as of October 1, 2011) are eligible to apply to become a Weber County 4-H Horse Ambassador. Ambassadors will get to ride in parades and 4-H Centennial events, present awards during 4-H Horse Awards Night, lead games at the last County Western 4-H Horse Show, and assist with various 4-H horse program promotions. Senior 4-H'ers (9th-12th grades) will also plan and conduct an individual project that helps support or promote the 4-H horse program.

Eligibility: Applicants must have a least one year of prior 4-H membership and be currently enrolled.

Selection Process: Up to four members in each age group (junior, intermediate and senior) will be selected based upon the following criteria:

- Interview – 100 pts.
- Horse Demonstration / Speech – 100 pts.
- Horsemanship / Riding Skills – 100 pts.
- Application – 100 pts.
 - o Senior 4-H'ers (9th-12th grades) must submit their project proposal with their application.

A minimum average score of 320 or higher must be earned to be selected.

Recognition & Awards: Each ambassador will receive a 4-H Horse Ambassador western shirt to wear at parades and events. Additionally, each youth earns points based upon the promotional and leadership activities they perform as a 4-H Horse Ambassador. Gold, Silver or Bronze awards will be presented to 4-H Horse Ambassadors who earn the minimum points during 4-H Horse Awards Night.

Dates: Applications (and project proposals for senior 4-H'ers) are due to the 4-H office no later than September 15. The interview, demonstration/speech and horsemanship/riding portion will be conducted on Saturday, October 1st at 9 a.m. (Location to be announced.)

Attire: Youth should follow Weber County 4-H Horse Program rules for show attire (including helmets), tack and equipment for the riding, interview, and demonstration portion of the contest.

Horse Demonstration / Speech: Youth will prepare and deliver a speech or demonstration on any horse-related topic such as health issues, showing, horse industry concerns, ethics, etc. Contestants have a choice of using a speech format or a demonstration format. Please follow the correct time limits for the contest format you select. We encourage contestants to present their horse demo / speech during 4-H County Contest Day next spring (you might as well get extra awards for your effort).

4-H Horse Public Speaking Format	4-H Horse Demonstration Format
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juniors and Intermediates: 3 - 5 minutes • Seniors: 7 - 10 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juniors and Intermediates: 5-10 minutes • Seniors: 10-15 minutes
No props allowed.	Posters, props, and other visual aids should be used to teach audience. No live animals allowed.

Horsemanship / Riding: Each contestant will demonstrate horsemanship skills (walk, trot, lope, change leads, turn, mount/dismount, back, pivot) and will be asked to carry a flag while executing a pattern. Patterns will be announced the morning of the event.

Interview: Each contestant will participate in an interview. Interview questions will include knowledge of the 4-H program, prior 4-H experiences, 4-H goals, and horsemanship knowledge.

WEBER COUNTY 4-H HORSE AMBASSADOR APPLICATION
(Due September 15, 2011)

Return to the Weber County 4-H Office, 1181 N. Fairgrounds Drive, Ogden, UT 84404

Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Grade: ____ (as of October 1, 2011) Shirt size (adult sizes): XS S M L XL XXL
 Communication Options (Check all that apply & provide info requested):
 Email address: _____
 Home Phone Number _____
 Cell Phone Number _____ Can you receive text messages? Yes No
 Facebook Account – List Email _____
 Number of years of prior 4-H involvement: _____

PREVIOUS INVOLVEMENT: Please check those 4-H activities in which you have participated.		
___ 4-H Achievement Night	___ Weber County Fair	___ Aggie Camps
___ 4-H Horse Awards Night	___ Utah State Fair	___ Teens Reaching Youth
___ Speech / Demo Contest	___ Teen Council	___ Western Round Up
___ Horse Judging Contest	___ Regional / State Horse Show	___ Aggie Camp Counselor
___ Horse Bowl Contest	___ State 4-H Contests	___ Other (List)

PREVIOUS LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:

Describe the leadership experience including title, role, organization, and duties.	Year

PREVIOUS TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Describe who you taught, where you taught and what you taught.	Number of Participants	Year

PREVIOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING EXPERIENCE:

Describe the public speaking role including who you spoke to and what you did (emcee, public speaking contest, presentation, radio, TV, etc.):	Year

PREVIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE:

Describe the community service role including who you helped and what you did.	Year

4-H PORTFOLIO COMPETITION EXPERIENCE:

Curriculum Area	Awards	Year

MAJOR 4-H, SCHOOL, and/or COMMUNITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HONORS:

In 50 words or less explain why you want to serve in this role and why you should be selected:

I have discussed the responsibilities of this leadership role with my family and am prepared to fulfill the commitments.

Nominee's Signature _____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____