



Alaska 4H Shooting Sports Ambassador Application

Welcome! We appreciate your interest in the Alaska 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador program. The Alaska 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to ensuring the State Ambassador Program is representative of the diversity of Alaska, is represented by youth who demonstrate strong leadership and service in 4-H and their communities, and can professionally represent the entire Alaska 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Approximately 20 youth will be chosen to serve as State and District Ambassadors. Selection will be based on the qualifications outlined below as demonstrated through a written application, an oral interview, a presentation, and references.

Contact us with any questions: Alaska 4-H Shooting Sports State Coordinators, Patty Miller (pmliller203@alaska.edu) and Darren Snyder (darren.snyder@alaska.edu)

General Information:

To start with, review the **Alaska 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program Guidelines** (found on the Alaska 4-H Shooting Sports [webpage](#)).

Deadline: 1) Email a pdf of this application (including essay) by November 30 at 11:59pm or 2) have a paper copy postmarked by this date (email Coordinators to inform that it is in the mail). *Email both Patty Miller (pmliller203@alaska.edu) and Darren Snyder (darren.snyder@alaska.edu).

Alaska Shooting Sports Coordinators will contact your references if you are selected as a semi-finalist.

Semi-finalists will be selected in December and will be invited to interview.

All interviews will be conducted via an online video chat.

The interview will include:

4-5 minutes for your presentation

15-20 minutes of the committee asking you questions and learning more about you.

Presentation topic suggestions and example interview questions (this does not mean there won't be others)

The history of 4H

Our link to the University

Our pledge, slogan, and motto

The disciplines in Shooting Sports

How would you handle other teen's in a meeting if there was an issue?

What club activities or family activities have you led?

Tell about a time you collaborated with others to achieve a common goal.

Ambassadors help inspire others. Describe how you inspire others with a common goal.

Your goals for the upcoming year as an ambassador if you get the position.

Positions:

District Ambassadors: Up to 4 per district (prefer 2 new and 2 outgoing each year)

Term: 1-2year term (one-year term no more than two years in a row)

State Ambassadors: Up to 2 per year (prefer 1 new and 1 outgoing each year)

Term: 1-2year term (one-year term no more than two years in a row)

Note: State Ambassador eligibility requires serving as District Ambassador for at least one year and commitment to participate in the National Ambassador Training. Exceptions decided by AK State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinators.

Ambassador eligibility requirements:

Be currently enrolled in 4-H and in a shooting sports project.

Be age 14 to 18 at the beginning of the 4-H year (October 1).

Maintain eligibility as a Alaska 4-H member in good standing throughout their term (January - December 30)

Time available to participate in all required activities

Demonstrated ability to positively represent Alaska 4-H

Interest in developing and/or enhancing skills related to leadership, such as conflict resolution, facilitation, teamwork, decision-making, respect, and communication

Able to accept and incorporate constructive criticism to enhance skills

Preferred qualifications:

Experience teaching youth and/or facilitating group discussions

Experience and ability to work collaboratively with others to achieve a common goal

Participation and leadership in a variety of activities, at the local, district, state, and/or national levels, in and/or outside of 4-H

Applicant information:

Name (First and Last): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

District: _____

Club Name: _____

Years in 4H: _____

Years in Shooting Sports: _____

Age of October 1 of this 4H year: _____

Hobbies: _____

I have read the Alaska 4H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program Guidelines. Yes or No

Essay:

Write a short essay on “Why do you want to be an Alaska 4H Shooting Sports Ambassador?” (~250-500 words). Attach essay and send in with application.

References:

Identify two adults who can recommend you for the program. One reference must be from a 4-H Extension staff member or 4-H volunteer leader; the second reference needs to be from another adult that knows your work and character. Please note that references should NOT be provided by a member of your family. Lastly, make sure the following references have given you permission to use them and aware that we will contact them.

Reference 1 --- 4-H Extension staff member or 4-H volunteer leader (not your relative)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Reference 2 --- Adult that knows your work and character (not your relative)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

2021 Alaska 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Certification Information

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. 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 district 4-H program. We support his/her application for the position of 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador.

4-H Club Leader Signature _____ Date _____

4-H Club Leader Printed Name _____

Extension Agent/Staff Signature _____ Date _____

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