# **2025 Wells Co. 4-H Ambassadors** CONTEST RULES

Applications are due Friday, June 27, 2025 by 4:30 PM.

Interviews will be held <u>Monday</u>, July 7, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Wells County 4-H Park Community Center. More details will be available after application deadline.

### **Contest Rules:**

- 1. Applications must be turned into the Wells County Extension Office by the specified due date typically 14-20 days prior to the 4-H Fair.
- 2. Applicants must be enrolled in the Wells County 4-H Program.
- 3. Applicants applying for the Junior Ambassador contest must have been in Grades 7-9 as of January 1 of the current year.
- 4. Applicants must have been in Grades 10+ as of January 1 of the current year.
- 5. There is no limit to the number of applicants.
- 6. Youth will only be allowed to apply for each contest up to three different years. (3 years for Junior Ambassador, 3 years for Ambassador.)
- 7. Participants do not have to be members of the Junior Leader Club.
- 8. You may only win each award one time.
- 9. Applications must be summitted on the form provided by the Wells County Extension Office additional pages will not be considered.
- 10. Applicants should forward the attached reference forms to the appropriate people. References should not be filled out by family members.
  - a. To speed this process along, you may want to send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and have the form mailed directly back to the Wells County Extension Office: 1240 4-H Park Road, Bluffton, IN 46714; postmarked by the advertised due date.
- 11. The Ambassadors and Junior Ambassadors will assist at 4-H events at the Wells County Fair, and may be asked to represent 4-H at other events during the year.
- 12. The 4-H Ambassadors/Jr. Ambassadors will be selected prior to the 4-H Fair by a committee of three judges on the basis of:
  - a.4-H Achievement 50%
  - b. Personal Interview 30%
  - c. Outside Activity 20%
- 13. Interviews of the candidates will be approximately 7-10 minutes long. Applicants will be expected to share how 4-H has helped them with a life skill at the beginning of their interview.

a. A list of potential life-skills to consider is located on the back side of this page.

14. Two Junior Ambassadors and two Ambassadors will be selected. Each will receive a cash scholarship of \$100 from the Wells County 4-H Association and a \$50 cash award from Wells County Farm Bureau, Inc.

## **Potential Life Skills**

This is not a comprehensive list, but below are some skills that 4-H may have helped you develop.

Accepting Differences	Leadership	Resiliency
Character	Learning to Learn	Responsibility
Citizenship	Listening	Responsible Citizenship
Communication	Managing Feelings	Self-Discipline
<b>Community Service</b>	Managing Resources	Self-Esteem
Volunteering	<b>Managing Stress</b>	Self-Motivation
Concern for Others	Marketable Skills	Self-Responsibility
<b>Conflict Resolution</b>	Mastering Technology	Service Learning
Contributions to Group	Mathematics	Sharing
Effort	<b>Motivating Self</b>	Social Skills
Cooperation	Negotiating	Teaching
Coping	Nurturing Relationships	Teamwork
Creative Thinking	Organizational	Technology
Critical Thinking	Personal Safety	Time Management
<b>Decision Making</b>	Planning	Budgeting
<b>Disease Prevention</b>	Organizing	Writing
Empathy	Problem Solving	Self-Expression
Goal Setting	Reasoning	Honesty
Healthy Lifestyle Choices	Record Keeping	Interpretation

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Apr (C	blying For: Ambassador	Juni	or Ambassador
Name:			
Address:			
Parents/Guardians:			
Township:			
School Name:			Grade this fall:
College/Technical School (If applicable)	Name:		Grade this fall:
Full-Time Employment (w (If applicable)	hat & where):		
Summer Employment (wh (If applicable)	nat & where):		
Future Plans:			

# 4-H INVOLVEMENT

## 4-H Project History

4-H Project	Years Completed	Duties performed or assistance given to younger members in these projects.
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Offices Held (L	ocal (County) Level)	
Year	Position & Group/Club	Duties

#### Significant 4-H Awards

County (C) / Area (A) / State (S) / National (N)

Award	Year	Level <i>(C\A\S\N</i> )

**4-H Activities** County (C) / Area (A) / State (S) / National (N)

List activities you have participated in or helped with. This may include things like the Pancake Booth, 4-H Camp, Park Clean-Up, or 4-H Round-Up.

Activity	Year	Level <i>(C/A/S/N)</i>
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# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

#### School, Church, and Community Activities

May include things like volunteer work, school clubs, school & community sports, Teen Court, Scouts, youth groups, etc. Please include any leadership positions held in these organizations.

Activity/Group	Year(s)	Leadership Role(s)	Year(s)
Awards & Honors Received though Community Invo	olvement:		
Award			Year



DO NOT ADD PAGES TO THIS APPLICATION

Write at least 50 words on your goals and ambitions, and how you feel 4-H has helped you prepare for the future. Include how 4-H has helped you develop life skill. (See Rule #14 in Contest Rules and Page 2 of this application for the list of examples.)



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Applicant's Name:

Please rate the applicant on the following characteristics, 1 indicating the applicant is not strong in these characteristics, 5 indicating they are very strong in these characteristics.

Shows concern for others	1	2	3	4	5
Respects individual differences	1	2	3	4	5
Demonstrates effective communication skills	1	2	3	4	5
Interacts positively with others	1	2	3	4	5
Accepts responsibility for own actions	1	2	3	4	5
Demonstrates positive leadership skills	1	2	3	4	5
Generates enthusiasm	1	2	3	4	5
Displays positive self-image	1	2	3	4	5
Demonstrates good sportsmanship	1	2	3	4	5
Serves as a positive role model for other youth	1	2	3	4	5

Please share an experience where the applicant has demonstrated that they are a good leader:

Please share one thing you think this applicant would bring to the Ambassador position:

Recommend: Recommend with enthusiasm: Do not recommend:	Additional Comments:
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Reference Signature:	
Address:	
Position:	
Relationship to Applicant:	
Duration of Relationship - from to	



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