

2023 National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute

Background and Purpose

The National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador program provides an excellent opportunity for 4-H'ers active in shooting sports projects to affording teens the opportunities to demonstrate their skills in leadership, citizenship and community service through ambassador activities that promote and encourage the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Youth selected to serve as Ambassadors will receive training that will allow you to return to your county and advocate for the program at the county, regional, and state level. Some Ambassadors may be asked to support national events as well. Ambassadors provide public relations support at special events such as donor/sponsor functions and serve as spokespersons for the 4-H Shooting Sports Program, helping to make 4-H and the 4-H Shooting Sports Programs more visible. The Ambassador's further develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations, and team building.

Selection Procedures and Criteria

All 4-H members are eligible who: 1) have at least reached their 15th birthday, but have not reached their 18th birthday, by **January 1, 2023 giving them one more year left in 4-H** (Note: 4-H membership ends December 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19); 2) are currently enrolled as an Ohio 4-H member; 3) have a permanent residence in Ohio at the time they participate in the conference; and 4) have not received this award before.

To apply for this award, members need to complete a State 4-H Achievement Record (according to the directions in the form) and submit it to the County Extension Office before the county deadline. County nominations must be submitted to the State 4-H Office by **February 4, 2022**.

Criteria for evaluation is based on the candidates' record of achievement and 4-H shooting sports experiences listed in the Ohio Achievement Record.

Shooting Sports Ambassador winners will be selected at the state level by a State Awards Selection Committee. The winner will be asked to complete an award application packet to be submitted to the National 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Institute.

The Award and Its Presentation

A State 4-H Award announcement letter will be sent to County Extension Offices the first week of March so that agents can notify winners personally. Individual follow-up letters and commitment forms will be sent directly to winners.

The Shooting Sports Ambassadors will be publicly recognized at the Ohio 4-H Youth Recognition Banquet. Each winner will receive an award plaque honoring their achievements. In addition, winners will receive a free trip to the 2023 National 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Institute which is scheduled in late July-Early August. Ambassadors are also encouraged to travel with the Ohio National Shooting Sports Competition teams to Nebraska the following year to assist with this national event.