

# Volunteer Position Description

## 4-H Youth Development

**Position Title:****4-H Shooting Sports Junior Leader**

Disciplines available: Archery, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting & Wildlife, Living History, Crossbow, Western Heritage

**Time Required:**

On-going and dependent on county needs, Approximately 3-10 hours per month dependent on number of programs or disciplines offered at the county level. This is Teen Leadership position for those interested in becoming a Shooting Sports Assistant Instructor when they reach the age of 19, a Shooting Sports Camp Counselor or take a leadership role within their Shooting Sports club.

**General Purpose:** Assist the certified Shooting Sports Instructor with specific discipline related tasks in which the Junior Leader has been trained to do at the state level training workshop. Must ALWAYS work under the DIRECT SUPERVISION of a certified Instructor in the discipline you are assisting with on the range.

**Specific Responsibilities:**

- ◆ Stress shooting and range safety practices
- ◆ Recruit Shooting Sports 4-H members to your discipline.
- ◆ Recruit other Shooting Sports teens to apply to be Junior Leaders positions and to help with county and state programs.
- ◆ Assist as needed with fund raising events.
- ◆ Ensure that the equipment in use is safe and has been inspected by the Certified Instructor before every use.
- ◆ Promote Shooting Sports on a county and state level.
- ◆ Ensure the adoption of state Shooting Sports policies at the club level including all risk management policies.
- ◆ Attend all Shooting Sports Club meetings and activities.
- ◆ Complete and submit required paperwork, to the club or county Shooting Sports Coordinator by posted deadlines.
- ◆ Help ensure that all safety procedures are followed by all.
- ◆ Seek out additional trainings to improve your skills, such as Hunter Safety classes, Red Cross First Aid, 4-H Leadership trainings, etc.
- ◆ Obtain a copy of and follow your club or county Risk Management plan.
- ◆ Encourage members to participate in other 4-H activities including Shooting Sports Camps, national, state or county 4-H shooting competitions, county fair judging, camp counseling, etc.
- ◆ Volunteer to assist with Shooting Sports Camps as a youth counselor, if interested.
- ◆ Answer questions from other 4-H members regarding 4-H Shooting Sports or direct them to informational websites, resources or the Shooting Sports Coordinator.

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### **Qualification & Expectations:**

- ◆ **Age 14-18 by January 1 of the current year.**
- ◆ Must be a 4-H member in good standing with club and county program.
- ◆ To be certified as a Shooting Sports Junior Leader, must attend a State Shooting Sports Instructor workshop for each discipline you wish to assist in. Junior Leaders will not receive Instructor Certification but will receive a certificate of completion.
- ◆ Junior Leader certificates DO NOT count for Shooting Sports Instructor certification upon reaching the age of 21. They DO NOT count toward Assistant Instructor Certifications upon reaching the age of 19.
- ◆ Junior Leaders must have a Certified Instructor in that discipline to serve as a mentor for them in the club.
- ◆ Have an interest in the development of youth and the Shooting Sports Program.
- ◆ Completion of the shooting Project is required before they can attend a state workshop.
- ◆ Knowledge of overall 4-H philosophy, programs and activities or willing to learn about them.
- ◆ Must comply with all Ohio firearm laws
- ◆ Special attention should be given to make sure the individual complies with Ohio handgun policies for those under the age of 21.
- ◆ Must be a 4-H member in good standing.
- ◆ Must be recommended by a shooting sports Instructor to attend the State training workshops.

### **Ohio State University Extension Will:**

- ◆ Provide Junior Leader with training and a National Shooting Sports curriculum handbook upon completion of the training.
- ◆ Provide additional trainings and opportunities for Junior Leader to grow and advance their skills

### **Mentor/Supervising Professionals**

- ◆ Club Certified Shooting Sports Instructor within your discipline.
- ◆ County Extension 4-H Youth Development Professional(s)

*For more information about the Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports program, please visit our website at [www.go.osu.edu/OhioShootingSports](http://www.go.osu.edu/OhioShootingSports)*



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