

4-H Ambassador Information

- Each candidate must be enrolled in the Clare County 4-H program.
- You must complete and return these forms:
 - o The Personal Information Cover Sheet (PICS) form
 - o 4-H Ambassador Code of Conduct
 - o 4-H Ambassadors Activities, Responsibilities and Dress Code Agreement
 - o List of sample interview questions for your interview
- Each candidate will complete a Personal Information Cover Sheet (PICS) form.
- Each candidate is to write a one (1) page essay (typed, double spaced, 12 font). Handwritten essays for Junior applicants are acceptable.
- Essay must include:
 - o An introduction including their 4-H interests (past/present and future).
 - o What 4-H means to them.
 - o An explanation as to why they want to serve as a 4-H Ambassador for Clare County.
- The Announcement Ceremony will be during the Clare County 4-H Awards Ceremony.
- **ALL CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE ANNOUNCEMENT CEREMONY FOR RECOGNITION!** Please dress in appropriate clothing.
- The application must be returned to 4-H Program Coordinator by the deadline.

Important Dates to Remember!

2025-2026 4-H Ambassadors

Due to the 4-H Program Coordinator on Friday, October 2, 2026 by 5 PM

o Completed PICS form o Signed Code of Conduct o Signed Agreement o One Page Essay

Schedule your interview in October. Cindy Deitsch will be reaching out to you.

Be present at the Clare County 4-H Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, November 4, 2025.

4-H Ambassador Sample Interview Questions

Here are some sample questions that maybe asked to you during your interview process. Please remember these are only samples and other questions maybe asked of you. During this interview, please remember the dress code. You are following this dress code for your interview.

1. What do you think could be done to better the 4-H program within your county and/or state levels?
2. If you were a 4-H leader, what/how would you encourage young 4-Hers within your club?
3. What do you think could be done to better the 4-H fair? How would you follow thru with this?
4. If you had a chance to change the 4-H program, county or state wide, what would you do and why?
5. If you had a chance to make a special 4-H project, what would it be and why?
6. Would you encourage someone to join 4-H and why? How would you encourage them?
7. When you first joined 4-H, what were you hoping to learn?
8. What have you learned being in 4-H?
9. Why would you like to be a 4-H Ambassador?
10. Are you happy with what 4-H has done for you and why?
11. What personal strengths and/or weaknesses have you discovered through 4-H?
12. List four adjectives that best describes you and explain why.
13. What 4-H accomplishments have given you the most satisfaction?
14. What has been the biggest challenge for you since you have been in 4-H and how have you overcome this challenge?
15. What is the 4-H Motto?
16. What is the 4-H Pledge?

Clare County 4-H Ambassador Program Personal Information Cover Sheet (PICS)

Name: _____

Address: _____

4-H Club: _____ 4-H Age (as of 1/1/2025): _____

Grade: _____ Years in 4-H: _____ Youth Phone: (_____)_____

Youth Email: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone: : (_____)_____

List any activities / programs / clubs / volunteering that you are involved in or have done:

Ambassador Positions:

Junior (4-H age 8 to 12)

Intermediate (4-H age 13 to 15)

Senior (4-H age 16 to 19)

Availability for Interviews:

List times that you are generally available. Cindy Deitsch, the Clare County 4-H Ambassador Committee Leader will reach out to set up an interview.

4-H Ambassador Activities, Responsibilities and Dress Code Agreement

The Michigan 4-H Youth Program prides itself on providing quality educational programs for youths. The primary purpose of this agreement is to ensure that 4-H Ambassadors recognize and agree to the requirements of the program they wish to participate in.

- **Portraits** – A picture will be taken of you with your 4-H Ambassador sash at the Clare County 4-H Award Ceremony. Following the award ceremony, a group photo will be taken of all 4-H Ambassadors.
- **Fair Week** - Various duties will be asked of you throughout the week. These will include but are not limited to:
 - Award ribbons and trophies at the barn awards week of fair.
 - Assist in leading the American and 4-H pledges when asked.
 - Greet buyers at both Small and Large Animal auctions.
 - Work in the 4-H Milk Booth when needed.
 - Help with the 4-H Cloverbud Show on Thursday.
 - Make yourself known at the fair.
 - Assist with 4-H Fun Night.
 - Help with any of the weekly games and fun activities hosted by 4-H
- **Clare County Awards Ceremony** – Help present awards, hand out prizes, manage drink and food table, give speeches, greet guests, help set up and break down event.
- **Parades / Festivals** – You are encouraged throughout the year to be present and help at various social gatherings throughout the year:
 - Help with 4-H float building and other activities as designated.
 - Appear in parades.
 - Connect with the 4-H Program Coordinator, council members, or club leaders to assist them with 4-H promotion at local festivals or events.
- **Workshops/Clinics** – Appear at any opportunity to represent Clare County 4-H as a guest speaker at community service clubs, 4-H clubs, schools, etc. as possible.
- **Other Events** – In an effort to promote 4-H, other events may be added as we become aware. You will be contacted by email or phone with any other event instructions you may need throughout your service year.
- **Dress Code** –
 - Business professional for things like interviews and portraits. Business casual for events.
 - Dress in dress clothes, such as dress pants, black or tan, dress, skirt, NO JEANS! Dress shorts are allowed but must be below fingertips when arms are down including dresses/skirts. A nice shirt, such as a polo or button up dress shirt, NO printed T-shirts unless it is a 4-H related t-shirt, NO tank tops allowed! No stains! Shirts are to be tucked in at all times.
 - You will have a sash and or a T-shirt that will be provided to you that you are to wear when you are representing Clare County 4-H as an Ambassador.

4-H Member's Signature

Date

4-H Ambassador Code of Conduct

The Michigan 4-H Youth Program prides itself on providing quality educational programs for youths. The primary purpose of this code is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all 4-H participants.

- Accept the responsibility to promote and support 4-H to develop effective county, state and national programs.
- Accept the responsibility to represent Clare County and Michigan 4-H youth programs with the dignity and pride by being positive role models for youth.
- Conduct yourself in a courteous, respectful manner, exhibit good sportsmanship, show positive attitude and values, and provide a good role model for other youth both personally and educationally.
- Recognize that abuse by physical or verbal means, failure to comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws, or a criminal act will be grounds for dismissal as a 4-H representative.
- Under no circumstances will a 4-H Ambassador consume alcohol and/or illegal drugs (including no smoking) or operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment in an irresponsible manner.

It is important that all 4-H Ambassadors comply with the Code of Conduct. Failure to comply with any component of the Code may lead to dismissal.

By signing below, you have read and agreed to comply by the above 4-H Ambassador Code of Conduct.

4-H Member's Signature

Date

Parent / Guardian's Signature

Date