**Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program**

**Application Packet**

**Must be received no later than –October 15, 2018**

**Please be sure to read and understand the Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Guidelines before completing this application form.**

Complete and email to Sam Lowry, Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator. An incomplete packet will not be considered. A completed packet includes the following:

1. Application Form

2. Resume

3. Essay

4. Certification Form

5. Code of Conduct

6. Health Form

7. High School Transcript

8. (4X6) Glossy Color Photograph & Digital Copy (jpg or tiff)

9. Two (2) Letters of Reference:

a) extension agent (required),

b) shooting coach or instructor,

c) school representative - principal, guidance counselor or teacher

d) a person outside your family who knows you well.

Mail Completed Application Packet To:

Sam Lowry

Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Specialist

4040 Campus delivery

Fort Collins, Colorado 80523-4040

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**Application Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of December 31 of current Year): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List Local Newspaper/Media Outlet: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H Shooting Sports:

\_\_\_\_\_ Archery \_\_\_\_\_ Air Rifle \_\_\_\_\_ Muzzleloading

\_\_\_\_\_ .22 Rifle \_\_\_\_\_ Air Pistol \_\_\_\_\_ Shotgun

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Western Heritage \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hunting & Outdoor Skills

The following information is to assure that any clothing ordered for you will fit properly. Standard shirt and blouse sizes are used, including neck, sleeve and length for gentlemen and standard blouse sizes for ladies.

Shooting Vest Size: (check) S \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_ XXL\_\_\_\_ (these are men’s sizes)

Dominance: Right Left \_\_\_\_

Shirt/Blouse Size: Neck Sleeve Length \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Resume**

Your resume should be no more than three pages, single spaced with margins no less than 1 inch, and a fount size no less than 12 point. Be sure to include your experiences in citizenship, leadership and public speaking.

**Essay**

What does “To make the best better” mean to you?

Write an essay with the above entitlement. Your essay should be no more than two pages, double spaced with margins no less or no more than one inch, and a font size no less or no more than 12 point.

**References**

2 Letters of Reference from:

* + - County Extension Agent/Educator responsible for the program - Required
    - Coach or instructor from your club
    - High School principal or counselor
    - Person outside your family who knows you well
    - Additional letters of support may be submitted but are not required

**Interviews**

Potential candidates will participate in a panel interview online. Potential candidates will receive a topic to make a short presentation on and then answer questions from a panel consisting of current Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors, 4-H Agents and Volunteers. Interview topics and dates will be sent to those candidates selected for interviews only.

**Mandatory Training**

Mandatory training is **tentatively** scheduled for January 2019 in Denver. This training will incorporate training and activities covering public speaking, team-building and Ambassador expectations and responsibilities.

**ACTIVITIES**

Potential Colorado 4-H Ambassador Activities:

* + International Sportsman Expo – Denver – January , 2019
  + Leadership Development Conference – Denver – January, 2019
  + State 4-H Leader Training Workshops – Varies Locations & Times
  + State 4-H Conference – Fort Collins – June , 2019
  + CSU Ag Day with 4-H – Fort Collins - TBD
  + State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships – Pueblo/Colorado Springs – August/September
  + Local Donor/Supporter Functions – Varies Locations & Times
  + Specific County Functions – Varies Locations & Times

**Certification Form**

*I have reviewed the expectations of a Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador and I am willing to devote the time required. 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 State 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 Colorado 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 county 4-H program. We support his/her application for the position of State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador.*

4-H Club Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Extension Agent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date

**CSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Code of Conduct Acceptance/Agreement**

**For Participation in Colorado 4-H Youth Development Events**

County: Event:

Legal name: Address:

City: Zip: Phone:

Name of Parent/Guardian:

Emergency Telephone Numbers (h): (w):

Telephone Numbers: (h): (w):

Other name to contact if parent unavailable:

4-H program participants are expected to abide by the stated rules for Colorado 4-H Youth Development activities and events including, but not limited to:

* Adhere to program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies, and rules of the facility being used.
* Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and act as positive role models.
* Abstain from illegal behaviors, use of alcohol, marijuana, illegal or illicit drugs, and tobacco including e-cigarettes and vaping device during 4-H events and activities.
* Fully participate in scheduled activities.
* Respect other’s property and privacy rights.
* Respect the rights and authority of parents, leaders and Extension Agents.
* Abstain from abuse (physical and/or verbal) and harassment.
* Accept personal responsibility for behavior including any financial damage.
* Be responsible for any financial damage caused by inappropriate behavior.
* Adhere to principles and rules of safety.

Consequences for violating any part of this code of conduct may include, but are not limited to: removal from participation in the event in which the code of conduct has been violated at the individual’s expense; sanctions on participating in future 4-H events; forfeiture of financial support for the event; removal from offices held, etc.

Behavior outside of 4-H activities can affect member in good standing or volunteer in good standing status.

It is the responsibility of all program participants to reinforce the code of conduct and intervene when necessary to enforce the rules.

We understand the reason for this agreement is to ensure the safety of the 4-H participant and to ensure conduct and behavior that will result in each participant receiving the full benefit of enjoyment and educational experience from this event. It is not intended to place undue restrictions upon participants.

Member’s signature: Date:

Parent/Guardian signature: Date:

**Colorado 4-H Dress Code**

The following dress has been developed to prevent participants from becoming offended or uncomfortable during any 4-H events or activities. If you choose to dress inappropriately, you will be asked to change. Planning ahead and packing appropriately, will save yourself the inconvenience of changing your attire during the 4-H event or activity and ensure that you contribute to a pleasant 4-H atmosphere.

Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced for all individuals attending 4-H events and activities, including chaperones.

**1.** Clothing: All clothing shall be neat, clean, acceptable in repair and appearance, and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for 4-H events and activities.

**2.** Articles of clothing which display profanity, products, or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex or are in any other way distracting, are prohibited.

**3.** Excessively baggy or tight clothing which advertises gang symbols or affiliation is prohibited.

**4.** Items of clothing which expose bare midriffs, bare chests, undergarments, or that are transparent (see-through) are prohibited. **Tank tops with straps wider than one inch are permitted. Please be advised that spaghetti straps, shirts which expose a bare back, halter tops, and tube tops are prohibited.**

**5.** Shorts must be mid-thigh length. No cut-off shorts or shorts-shorts allowed.

**6.** Swimming (For all water recreation): Swimsuits for men: swim trunks only (no shorts, cut-off pants or Speedos). Swimsuits for women: One-piece suits recommended, however, two-piece suits are allowed as long as they are modestly cut. No string, thong or crochet suits will be allowed. Swimsuits may only be worn while in the swimming pool area.

**7.** Hats need to be removed for meetings, workshops, meals, and other times when asked to remove them.

**8.** Shoes must be worn at all times deemed appropriate. (closed toed, no flip flops, sandals, bare feet) \*\*As noted in the State Shooting Sports rule book

Note: The dress code will be relaxed slightly for female delegates opting to wear formal dresses. Dresses must still be within the bounds of decency appropriate for a 4-H event (covering cleavage, midriffs, no back expose lower than the shoulder blades, and no made of non-opaque fabric). **All chaperones are asked to make sure that their county delegation is meeting the dress code.**

**Dress Code Violations**



Diagram above created by California 4-H Alum, Cindy Sperry

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Casual | | Professional Casual | | Semi-Formal | |
| Guys | Jeans, khakis,  t-shirts, tennis shoes, not include cut-offs or worn jeans with holes or ragged edges. | | Slacks (creased jeans and khakis are appropriate), shirt without ties, dress shoes, boots, no athletic/tennis shoes | | Slacks with a jacket, shirt, tie, leather shoes or dress boots. |
| Girls | Same as for guys.  Shorts must be mid-thigh length. No cut-off shorts or short-shorts allowed. | | Skirts or slacks with an appropriate blouse or shirt. Dress denim ( denim skirts and pressed creased jeans) and khakis are appropriate. No athletic /tennis shoes | | Dresses\*\*from knee to floor length or pant suits appropriate for a prom or similar dress up activity. This could include a dressy outfit worn to an event at your church, |

**\*\*Special Note –Party and prom dresses may be strapless, but must be appropriate. However, backless, low-cut (front or back) outfits, outfits that expose midriff or navel, or dresses/skirts short in length (above the knees) are not appropriate. Revised 2012**

**Ambassador Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parents:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Office Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**4-H Ambassador Coordinator Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**