



# ILLINOIS 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP

## Finding the role that's best for you

AS A 4-H TEEN LEADER, I LIKE	IN THIS 4-H TEEN LEADER ROLE, THESE ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES I WOULD HAVE	GET INVOLVED
<b>PLANNING</b>	I will help improve 4-H in my county or state by working with staff to carry out shows, camps, contests, service opportunities and events. I will have a voice in what happens in my county 4-H program.	<b>Federation Planning Committees</b>
<b>PROMOTING</b>	I am passionate and knowledgeable about 4-H and willing to encourage others to get involved. In this role, I may be asked to give a speech, talk with a prospective member, or share my story with adults. Presenting a positive image of 4-H is my main responsibility.	<b>4-H Ambassador Speaking for Illinois 4-H</b>
<b>TEACHING</b>	Teaching is a powerful way to grow my skills in listening, decision-making, and communicating. I will be expected to plan and lead a progression of lessons for younger youth. This will help me develop as a confident educator.	<b>4-H Teen Teacher Workshop Leader</b>
<b>MENTORING</b>	As a mentor to others, I'll be teaching important life skills, providing opportunities to try new things and having fun. By being a positive role model, I'll increase my own levels of leadership and responsibility as I help others.	<b>Camp Counselor Tech Wizard Mentor Cloverbud Leader Junior Leader</b>
<b>ADVOCATING</b>	I can have a voice in making positive change as a 4-H advocate. I'll work with local leaders and government officials to improve my community, while I gain skills in research, analysis, critical thinking, communication and teamwork.	<b>Change Advocate Hunger Advocate Citizen Scientist</b>
<b>ADVISING</b>	I will work with other youth and adults as partners, serving as a youth voice to make recommendations for informed decisions. I may serve on a committee or council which helps guide the local or state 4-H program or serve as a 4-H representative on a fair board or community advisory council.	<b>Local Committees Extension Council Expansion &amp; Review Committee</b>

AGE REQUIREMENTS MAY VARY FOR EACH ROLE





# COUNTY AND STATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR 4-H PROMOTERS

## 4-H JUNIOR LEADERS

### PROMOTING

4-H members who have effective leadership skills may work with adult volunteers as Junior Leaders. Junior Leaders may help promote the 4-H program by assisting with member recruitment and serving as Buddies to new members to help them through the first year of enrollment. Jr. Leaders are generally 12-18 years of age.

## COUNTY/UNIT 4-H AMBASSADORS

### PROMOTING

Members assist with 4-H promotion activities within their county or Extension unit. They may go to schools, man displays at special events, hold new member recruitment activities and more - all to promote the 4-H program within their area. Some counties or units may require applications or interviews to become an Ambassador. Age limitations are determined locally, but generally an Ambassador must be a 4-H member for at least two years.

## 4-H HUNGER AMBASSADORS

### PROMOTING

Members fight hunger in their local communities in a variety of ways - providing meals, growing community gardens to share produce, sponsoring food drives, working with local food pantries or other agencies or hosting food packaging events.

## 4-H SCIENCE AMBASSADORS

### PROMOTING

Members share their excitement about science with others and promote the 4-H program while doing so. Opportunities may include giving a presentation about your 4-H project in front of a non-4-H group, facilitating the National Youth Science Day Experiment in schools or other community locations, and/or staffing 4-H information tables at science events. This opportunity is open to 4-H members 12 to 18 years of age.

## 4-H LEGISLATIVE AMBASSADORS

### PROMOTING

4-H members on the county level may be recruited to serve as "Legislative" or "Governmental" Ambassadors to assist a local Extension Unit in promoting the local 4-H program to county boards or elected officials or the state legislators from the districts within the Unit. Training in the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program (see below) is encouraged on a state level for these youth, but at this level, the program is managed by local Extension staff. This opportunity should be open to 4-H'ers 14-18 years of age.

## SPEAKING FOR ILLINOIS 4-H (SFI4-H)

### PROMOTING

Members receive advanced training in public presentations to prepare for meetings with county and state elected officials, potential donors, civic groups, and new volunteers. SFI4-H youth assist with state legislative events. This program is provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team. Trainings are offered 3-4 times each year in different locations throughout the state. SFI4-H teens must attend a 2-hour update training each year to remain on the statewide roster for legislative events. This program is open to Illinois 4-H teens ages 14-18.

## STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR TEAM (LAT)

### PROMOTING

The Livestock Ambassador Team offers an opportunity for teens to promote and advocate for 4-H livestock programs and the livestock industry. Promotional responsibilities may include manning booths and displays at special events and fairs, serving on various livestock advisory boards to provide 4-H youth voice, providing tours of livestock areas at local and state fairs and more. Youth are selected by application, phone interview, and recommendations. Applications are available on the state 4-H website and are due June 1 each year. There are meeting and membership requirements that must be met. Team members are 16-21 years of age as of September 1.

## ILLINOIS STATE 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM (YLT)

### PROMOTING

State 4-H Youth Leadership Team members assist with various 4-H programs on the statewide level. In the area of promotion, YLT organizes and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, promotes statewide 4-H events, assists with marketing as needed, and represents Illinois 4-H on the state and national level. Youth are selected by application, interview, and recommendations. Applications are available on the state 4-H website in April and are due mid June for early summer interviews and the end of July for State Fair interviews. There are meeting and membership requirements that must be met. Team members are 16-21 years of age as of September 1.