A 4-H Ambassador is a self-motivated, enthusiastic leader who promotes 4-H using skill, knowledge and leadership abilities acquired in 4-H with 4-H members, area residents, community leaders, elected officials and other youth. A 4-H Ambassador serves as a role model and mentor to younger 4-H members through interactions at activities/events and sets an example. A 4-H Ambassador serves to strengthen the 4-H program through public relations.

GOALS:

1. To define the 4-H image in the minds of the general public by exposing the general public to the contemporary 4-H program.
2. To offer eligible junior and senior 4-H members an opportunity to develop skills in leadership, promotion, communication and responsibility.
3. To provide a core of trained and motivated youth to assist with the county information programs.
4. To promote the 4-H program to 4-H members, leaders, interest groups, donor or support groups and the general public.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be a bonafide junior or senior 4-H member (11 years & in the 6th grade, 12-19) by January 1 of the current year and in good standing.
2. Must have turned in a county record book the year prior to applying.
3. Must have attended 2 council meetings between January 1st and October 31st of the current calendar year and actively participated in 2 county-wide activities of the year the candidate wishes to apply.
4. Must complete and return application form by the set dates. Applicants must schedule and attend an interview.
5. Must remain active in club and county 4-H program.
6. Must be knowledgeable about the county program, activities, history, funding, etc.
7. Must attend County Council meetings, activities and events.
8. Announcement of ambassadors will be announced at Awards Night and will serve a one-year term until the following Awards Night.
GUIDELINES:

1. Six ambassadors (3 Seniors and 3 Juniors) will be selected each year. Ambassadors will serve a one-year term. Ambassadors may choose to reapply for multiple terms, must fill out re-application and go through an interview. (All ambassador positions may not be filled if there are not enough qualified applicants. Depending on the number of Senior and Junior applicants, Junior members may fill Senior positions and vice versa Seniors may fill Junior positions if needed.

2. An application and interview process will be used for selection of the ambassadors.

3. Ambassadors must be willing to serve a one (1) year term beginning their official duties following the close of installation of ambassadors at Awards Night and shall serve a 1 year term from installation to installation.

4. Ambassador candidates, parents, and leaders will be required to sign the Ambassador Contract Form.

5. Ambassadors will be part of the County Leadership Team and work with County Council Officers in planning and implementing county activities and events.

6. Activities of the County Ambassador Team will be under the leadership and guidance of the agents and/or an adult advisor(s).

OPPORTUNITIES:

1. To gain leadership skills by assisting with and/or planning activities for the entire County 4-H program.

2. To speak before a variety of community groups such as 4-H clubs, civic organizations, Extension Homemaker clubs, church groups, business and professional clubs, other youth organizations, etc.

3. To share your expertise in at least one 4-H project area and give demonstrations in that project area to the public.

4. Take responsibility for community events and displays such as mall promotions and displays.

5. Be prepared to make occasional appearances on radio and television shows and in the local newspapers promoting 4-H.

6. Keep records of all assignments including dates, locations, type of assignment, planning and participation time and a description of the event.

7. To take an active role in planning and implementing a county-wide activity.

8. To serve as a role model to younger 4-H members in the county.
Doña Ana County 4-H Ambassador Application

Instructions: Submit application on or before Monday, November 10, 2014 to the Doña Ana County Extension Office. After submitting application, schedule ambassador interview on Friday, November 14, 2014 at the Doña Ana County Extension Office. Ambassadors applying for a multiple term will need to fill out reapplication form and go through interview.

General Information:

Name: _________________________________ Date of Birth: ____________

Home Address: ______________________________________________________

_________________________________________ City ___________ Zip

Telephone Number: ( ) ________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____________________________________________

4-H Club: ___________________________ Years in 4-H: ______________________

Current Grade in School: ___________ School: ____________________________

Email address (if applicable): __________________________________________

Cell phone (if applicable): _____________________________________________

Did you submit a county 4-H record book for the past year? __________________

Have you attended county council meetings this past year? If yes, indicate which months.

___ January ___ March ___ May ___ July ___ October

First time applicant (please fill out pages 3, 4, 5 & 6) Re-application (please fill out pages 3, 6, 7, & 8)

What 2 county-wide activities did you actively participate in this past year?

I. Qualifications

A. List what you consider your top 4 project areas and some of your experiences related to those projects. (Do not include leadership experiences in this section.)
II. Leadership

A. Summarize any 4-H club leadership activities and involvement. Include officer positions held, committees served, etc.

B. List your leadership involvement in the county and/or state level.

C. List and briefly describe any other work you have done outside of 4-H. For example, list things you have done for school, church, youth group, or other civic or community responsibilities.
III. Other Information

A. What do you think are several important things that a new 4-H Ambassador could do to make Doña Ana County 4-H even better?

B. Describe what you see as the role of a 4-H Ambassador, and then explain why you should be considered for the 4-H Ambassador program.

C. What county activities have you assisted with and what was your role?
**Statement of 4-H Member:**

I understand that this position carries certain responsibilities and I am willing to accept the responsibilities outlined for 4-H Ambassadors if selected.

I have personally prepared this report and believe it to be true.

**Member Signature:** ___________________________  **Date:** __________________________

**Statement of Parent/Guardian:**

I/We understand and approve of the purpose and objective of the Doña Ana County 4-H Ambassador program and give my/our approval of my/our teen to take part in this program for a full year. I/We understand that our support is important for the successful participation of my/our son/daughter in this educational opportunity.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** ___________________________  **Date:** __________________________
Please describe what you gained from your ambassador experience this past year.

What would you describe as some of your greatest strengths in serving as an ambassador this past year?

What do you feel may have been some of your weaknesses as you served as an ambassador this past year?

What ambassador activity or activities were most rewarding for you this past year?
What do you feel was the most challenging part of being an ambassador this past year?

What activities that you would like to see continued in the Doña Ana County 4-H program?

What ideas do you have that could be implemented in Doña Ana County 4-H program as we continue to “Make the Best Better”?

Why do you want to serve as an ambassador again in the coming year?