

**Application is due to the Daviess County  
Extension Office by April 19, 2024**

February 2024

TO: Applicants for NRESci Ambassador Team

RE: NRESci Ambassador Applications for 2024-2025

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Kentucky 4-H Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRESci) Academy.

To apply for the KY 4-H Natural Resources and Environmental Science (NRESci) Ambassador Program review this packet completely and submit the required information to your county 4-H agent. Check the meeting dates to make sure you can make the commitment of being a NRESci Academy Ambassador. **Attendance is mandatory! Note: Applicants must be in good standing with their county 4-H program and be a graduate of the NRESci Academy to apply.** Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Sincerely,



Ashley Osborne  
Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

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# **Kentucky 4-H Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRESci)**

## **Ambassador Teen Board**

### ***Expectations and Information 2024-2025 Program Year***

NRESci Ambassadors will use and apply skills and practices learned as academy members. Ambassadors will build upon leadership and communication skills, and have the opportunity to interact and network with natural resource professionals. **Attendance is mandatory** at all NRESci Ambassador Events.

#### **Behavior and Conduct**

NRESci Ambassadors are considered representatives of the Kentucky 4-H Program. As such, their behavior, conduct, dress, and actions reflect the standards of 4-H in Kentucky. NRESci Ambassadors should serve as role models for other 4-H members in the State and adhere strictly to the 4-H Code of Conduct. Members that fail to adhere to these expectations may be dismissed from the Teen Board.

#### **Attendance (and Events)**

There is a significant time involvement in serving as a NRESci Ambassador. Attendance at the events listed above is considered mandatory and absence or tardiness may lead to removal from the program. It is vital that everyone attend the full meeting each time. Those individuals who cannot attend the meetings should not apply to be a NRESci Ambassador. Arranging travel to/from the meetings is the Ambassador's responsibility. If you feel that you are not able to commit fully to this position it is asked that you not apply.

#### ***Mandatory Events***

##### **NRESci Retreat Event**

- Attend the NRESci Retreat.
- Prepare and lead an ice breaker.
- Prepare the end of event photo slide show.
- Plan for program year activities and events.
- Assist instructors at the retreat as needed.
- Prepare and lead an activity (optional).

##### **NRESci Ambassador Board Meetings (virtual) and Retreat**

- Attend the meetings.
- Plan and prepare for 4-H Summit and Teen Conference responsibilities.

##### **4-H Summit Event**

- Attend 4-H Summit.
- Present an educational session at 4-H Summit.
- Assist NRESci Teaching Team as needed.

##### **4-H Teen Conference Event**

- Attend 4-H Teen Conference.
- Assist natural resource instructors as needed during major sessions.

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## Community Service Project

- Plan and implement a community service project related to natural resources and environmental sciences. A project report must be completed and turned in to the NRESci Teaching Team by the Summer Event.

## State Fair 4-H Natural Resources Day

- Attend and represent NRESci.

## Meeting Cost

In addition to the time commitment, there are fees associated with being involved on the 4-H NRESci Ambassador Teen Board. These include, but are not limited to, the following (fees are estimated):

- NRESci Academy Fall Retreat \$150
- NRESci February Ambassador Retreat \$150
- 4-H Summit Event \$150
- 4-H Teen Conference Event \$250

NRESci Ambassadors are encouraged to reach out to local councils (such as the 4-H Council, Soil and Water Conservation District, etc.), businesses, and leadership to ask for sponsorship. However, it is the 4-H member's responsibility to ensure that fees are paid in a timely manner. Please have your 4-H agent contact Ashley Osborne if financial concerns may keep you from membership on the teen board. NRESci also has scholarship opportunities through the Timothy Warren Memorial Scholarship Fund. Scholarship applications will be available in May to NRESci Academy member and Ambassador members.



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## 2024-25 Kentucky 4-H NRESci Ambassador Applicant Information Form

Last Name (print):	First Name:	Age:
Street Address:		County:
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Parent/Guardian Phone:	Male ___ Female ___	Email:
Shirt Size (circle):    Small    Medium            Large            XLarge            XXLarge            XXXLarge		
<i>Answer the following by checking the appropriate column (note locations are tentative):</i>		<b>YES</b>
		<b>NO</b>
Retreat, September 24-25, 2024, Feltner 4-H Camp, London, KY		
Ambassador Board Retreat, February 7-9, 2025 Lake Cumberland 4-H Educational Center, Jabez, KY		
4-H Summit, March TBA, 2025 Lake Cumberland 4-H Center, Jabez, KY		
4-H Teen Conference, June 9-13, 2025 University of KY, Lexington, KY		
State Fair 4-H Natural Resources Day, August TBA, 2025 KY Expo Center, Louisville, KY		
I have read and signed the Ambassador Contract which outlines additional expectations and responsibilities of a NRESci Ambassador.		
<b>REQUIRED SIGNATURES</b>		
Agents and parent/guardian must sign below to indicate support of this applicant.		
Participant Signature	Date	
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date	
Agent Signature	Date	



## **Video Submission**

Please record a professional video answering the following questions. This will be evaluated as part of your application to serve on the Kentucky 4-H NRESci Ambassador Teen Board. This video should be viewed the same as an interview and therefore the applicant should dress appropriately and not have any distractions in the background. The video must be uploaded to YouTube, and a YouTube link must accompany your paper application. Your 4-H Agent will upload the video with form 3 in 4-H Online. Please include the following in your video.

- 1) Name, County
- 2) Please share why you want to serve as a NRESci Ambassador.
- 3) What has been your most rewarding experience in 4-H?
- 4) If someone were to ask you what the NRESci Academy is, how would you explain it? Pretend like they have never heard of the NRESci Academy before.
- 5) What are your goals? Personal, academic, professional, 4-H.
- 6) What are the mandatory events for 4-H NRESci Ambassadors?

## **Project Proposal for 4-H Summit Workshop (REQUIRED)**

Please write a ½ - 1 page project proposal detailing your ideas for a 60-minute hands-on workshop geared toward middle school youth. Project proposals will be considered by the NRESci teaching team for implementation as a 4-H Summit workshop. These should be clearly outlined and specific. As the person proposing this, you will be leading the committee if your project is selected:

- A. The selected topic with a brief explanation of why this is important to KY 4-H and natural resources and environmental sciences.
- B. Step by step instructions on what will be taught in the workshop.

## **Photo**

Please include a photograph (headshot) of yourself that can be used in NRESci newsletters, social media posts, etc. if you are selected as an ambassador.

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