



The Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador Program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills to mentor other youth, and to become knowledgeable representatives for the Fashion & Interior Design project.

The Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador Program provides senior 4-H members with a chance to enhance their knowledge and skills related to the 4-H Fashion & Interior Design project. This happens through relevant hands-on training and exposure, with a focus on leadership, educational resources, industry commodities and trends, advocacy, and scholastic and career opportunities.

Ambassadorship is a two-year term. Every two years (even calendar years), up to 20 youth are selected to serve as a Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador. In year one those chosen will participate in a summer training. In year two, ambassadors that are eligible and have met outlined expectations will have the opportunity to participate in a summer industry tour. Each year of the term, September 1 through August 31, ambassadors will provide a minimum of 40 hours of service.

OBJECTIVES

- Empower youth to serve in leadership roles related to the 4-H Fashion & Interior Design project across Texas
- Educate youth through intensive instruction and experiences in higher education and professional settings
- Provide opportunities for youth to serve in promotional, educational and advocacy roles for the 4-H Fashion & Interior Design project, and the fashion and interior design industries
- Develop an increased awareness of career opportunities in the fashion and interior design businesses

ELIGIBILITY

Senior 4-H Member

- Open to registered 4-H members entering the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grades for the 2018-19 school year
- Maximum age of 18 as of August 31, 2018
- Year runs from September 1st through August 31st
- Top 20 most qualified applicants selected



The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

TERM OF SERVICE

Becoming an ambassador is a two-year commitment, beginning July following the MANDATORY training. At the completion of year-one, ambassadors who fulfill the minimum 40 hours of service will be invited to continue their term for the next year. An ambassador that graduates from high school their first year of service will not be allowed to complete year two of their term. Youth may serve consecutive terms, but must re-apply if they wish to renew membership.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador Program coordinators manage the selection process.

- A call for applications will be made statewide every two years (even calendar years) in February
- Applications must be submitted online, March 1-31 at, https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d0lul0GwoEY9tIh
- Applications will reviewed by a selection committee, and the acceptance and training announcement made the month of April
- Training registration and fee due through 4-H Connect the month of May

PARTICIPATION FEE

If selected, the 4-H member must pay a \$250 participation fee as part of the registration process for the MANDATORY training conducted in year one of the term of service. This fee covers registration for the training and official apparel and name badge. All associated costs in attending additional trainings, meetings, and in performing service hours will be the responsibility of the individual ambassador.

EXPECTATIONS

- Participate in the MANDATORY Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador Training in Lubbock, TX, July 16-19
- Participate in the biannual ambassador meetings
 - Virtual (January 2019 and 2020)
 - Face-to-Face at Texas 4-H Roundup (June 2019 and 2020)
- Contribute a minimum of 40 hours of service annually related to the 4-H Fashion & Interior Design project
- Report service hours through an online reporting system (TBA)
- Complete the ambassador program annual evaluation

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