



# 2023 Isabella County Junior 4-H Royal Ambassador Program



# Junior 4-H Royal Ambassador

## Team Criteria



Age: 8-14 by January 1st of the current year.



Enrolled in an Isabella County 4-H club for two or more years, which may include cloverbud years.



Complete the Junior 4-H Royal Ambassador Packet



Recommendation Form completed by a current Isabella County 4-H Leader who is not a relative.



Complete a typed 1–2-page Essay (double spaced) about your experience as a 4-H Member of Isabella County, how would you recruit young kids to join the 4-H community, what ways could you make a difference for the Isabella County Fair, and why would you like to be Isabella County Junior Royal Ambassador?



Turn in a completed hand-written Application Form, Leader Recommendation Form, Personal Information Sheet, and Essay to the 4-H Extension Office by May 1st, 2023.



Prepare a visual aid depicting your 4-H involvement, which you will share with the evaluating Panel Interview on June 4th, 2023, at Maranantha Baptist Church.

# **\*Point System\***

## Scoring for Junior 4-H Royal Ambassador Program

### **Essay:**

Grammar/Meeting the Requirements.....	15 points
Your Experience.....	25 points
How you would get kids to join the 4-H Program.....	25 points
Differences that you could make for the Isabella County Fair.....	25 points
Why you would like to be Isabella County Junior Royal Ambassador.....	50 points

**Application Packet** .....20 points

### **Interview:**

Poise/Enthusiasm.....	20 points
Involvement in 4-H.....	20 points
Personality/Attitude.....	20 points
Visual Aid:.....	30 points

**Total: 250 points**

## **Scholarships to be awarded:**

- Junior 4-H Princess Royal Ambassador: \$300
- 1st Runner-Up Princess 4-H Royal Ambassador: \$250
- 2nd Runner-Up Princess 4-H Royal Ambassador: \$200

## Helpful Hints and Information

1. Complete the entire 4-H Ambassador Application packet – in your hand writing; completely answer all questions listed and read each item carefully. The Leader Recommendation Form should be completed by a 4-H leader in Isabella County knows you well, who is not a relative. These forms should be turned in to the 4-H Extension office by 4:00 pm, May 1st, 2023. Since paperwork may need to be mailed. Ask a leader soon, so they have enough time to complete – don't wait until three or four days before the packet is due – there won't be enough time to complete it.
2. When working on your essay, ensure that you are hitting all the requirements, the essay needs to be 1-2 pages, double-spaced, and Times New Roman, answering the questions that are on pages 2 and 3( 1. Your experience as a 4-H Member, 2. How you would get kids to join the 4-H Program, 3. Differences that you can make for the Isabella County Fair, and 4. Why would you like to be Isabella County Junior Royal Ambassador?) Make sure you proofread your work and submit your essay with the application Packet when turning it in to the 4-H Extension office.
3. Develop a visual aid that shows what 4-H means to you. Bring the visual aid to your interview on June 4th, 2023. It may include pictures/brochures from 4-H events you have attended, accomplishments at the fair, or your future 4-H plans. The display should be organized, clean, creative, and positive. You will use this as a guide through your interview. The sky's the limit! Show your style and take pride in it.
4. Participate in a personal interview on June 4th, 2023. Dress nicely and neatly; we suggest you not wear jeans, shorts, t-shirts, tank tops, or flip-flops. You want to make a very positive first impression when you step into the room to meet with the judges -- dress for success! You will have approximately nine minutes (which may increase depending on the number of applicants) in which to describe/discuss your visual aid, and the judges will ask you some questions. Practice with someone ahead of time and be yourself. Let the judges get a chance to know you, and show them why you would be a GREAT 4-H Ambassador!
5. Most important is to have **FUN!**

# Important Dates

Monday, May 1st, 2023, by 4:00 pm:

***Application Packets Due to the 4-H Extension Office***

Return the entire completed Application packet by 4:00 p.m. to the MSU Extension Office, located on the third floor of the Isabella County Building on Main Street, downtown Mt. Pleasant.

Sunday, June 4th, 2023, 1-5 pm:

***Applicant Interviews***

Applicants will bring their visual aid to the assigned interview time slot and meet with our judges. Interviews will be held at Maranatha Baptist Church, 5282 E Airport Rd, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858. Refreshments will be available. We recommend you arrive 20 minutes before your assigned time slot, but we encourage everyone to attend as much of the afternoon as possible. We will be available for any last-minute assistance before going to your interview.

Sunday, June 25th, 2023, 5:00 pm:

***Announcement of the New 2023 Royal Ambassador Team***

The announcement will be held at Coldwater Lake at the 4-H Camp, 1415 N. Littlefield Rd, Weidman, MI 48893. We will have snacks and beverages before the announcement; all participants and family members are invited to join us for the announcement of the new Isabella County Royal Ambassador Team.

Royal Ambassador Coordinators' Contact Information:

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# Junior 4-H Royal Ambassador Program

## Application Form

**\*\*Handwritten, use additional sheets as needed\*\***

**\*\*This needs to be turned in by May 1st, 2023\*\***

Name\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Age\_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H\_\_\_\_\_

4-H activities and projects in which you are involved:

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Other Community activities and events in which you are involved:

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Why would you like to represent the Isabella County 4-H Royal Ambassador Program?

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What goals do you have for your future in the 4-H program?

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What does 4-H mean to you?

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Applicant's Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

# Personal Information

*This personal information sheet is for the use and records of the Isabella County 4-H Ambassador Program coordinators only. Judges or any other outside party will not have access to this information. Please return this sheet with the handwritten Application, typed Essay, and Leader Recommendation Form to the 4-H Extension Office by May 1st, 2023 by 4 PM.*

\*\* Needs to be turned in by May 1st, 2023\*\*

## Print Legibly

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Full Mailing Address\_\_\_\_\_

School\_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_

4-H Age\_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H\_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address\_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club\_\_\_\_\_ Administrative Leader/ 4-H Leader\_\_\_\_\_

Competing in which division (circle one)      Senior      or      Junior

Shirt Size\_\_\_\_\_ Youth/Adult (Two are Provided)

Jacket Size\_\_\_\_\_ Youth/Adult (One Provided)

Parent/Guardian name(s) and contact number(s):

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Interviews are planned for every 15 minutes between 2:00-4:00pm (Longer if number of applicants dictates). If you have a preference for a specific time slot, please indicate here:\_\_\_\_\_. We will do our best to accommodate your choice as best as possible, but we ask that you be flexible.

# Junior Royal 4-H Ambassador Program

## 4-H Leader Recommendation Form

\*\* Handwritten, use additional sheets as needed. If you have a relative or a parent as your 4-H leader, you are allowed to ask any of the other 4-H Leaders that affiliate with Isabella county.

*This needs to be turned in by May 1st, 2023\*\**

Applicant's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your association with the applicant?

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Explain why you feel this applicant would be a good representative of the Isabella County 4-H Program? \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Comments you would like to share about the

applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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Leader's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Leader's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Contact#: \_\_\_\_\_



## 4-H Ambassador Program

**\*\* PLEASE! Read carefully and ask questions for clarification-signature indicates agreement with these terms.\*\***

**\*\*This needs to be turned in by May 1st, 2023\*\***

1. Complete all required forms in your own hand-writing( besides the Resume/cover letters and Typed Essays), following directions carefully
2. Here is a list of fair week Responsibilities:
  - a. Meet at 11:00 am in the Food Stand the first Saturday of Fair Week to set an event schedule.
  - b. Assist at the Still Exhibit Auction, Small Animal Auction, Large Animal Auction, and Awards Program – these are all **required** events during fair week.
  - c. The team *may* attend one of the grand stand events, to be determined by the program coordinators.
  - d. Participate in Goat Milking, Dairy Hand Milking, Baby Calf Parade, and Pedal Pullers Competition.
  - e. Be present at small and large animal showmanship events to lead pledges and
  - f. pass out awards.
3. Post-Fair Responsibilities:
  - a. Attending 4-H Banquets.
  - b. Job Shadowing.
  - c. Attend professional photo session.
  - d. Mount Pleasant Christmas Parade and Shepherd Maple Syrup Parade.
  - e. Support the TSC Clover Campaign(s)- one in the fall, one in the spring.
  - f. Ceremony for the new up coming team.
4. When possible throughout the year, assist other 4-H members/leaders at various clinics, workshops, and educational opportunities at the discretion of the 4-H Program Coordinator, as well as complete community service projects.
5. 4-H Ambassadors should present themselves in a polite, respectable, and appropriate manner at all times.
6. Certain events will require parent/guardian participation/ involvement.
7. 4-H Ambassador Program participants will be held to the 4-H Code of Conduct. Any disciplinary issues or any conflicts that arise will be handled by the 4-H Program Coordinator as well as Fair Board representatives.

**Applicant and parent/Guardian Acceptance:** If chosen to serve as a 4-H Ambassador, we understand and agree to the rules, expectations, and statements made throughout this application packet. Any breach of these rules, responsibilities, and expectations may result in removal from the program and forfeiture of any monetary award and/ or other benefits.

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4-H Ambassador Program Applicant Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature