

Knox County Ambassador Program

Criteria and Application Packet

Applications are due on **March 8, 2021 by 5 p.m.** Additional paperwork for applications such as: Letter of references and answers to questions dropped off or mailed to the OSU Extension Office at:

Animal Ambassador Program

OSU Extension

P.O. Box 1268

Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

****Late applications will not be accepted!**



Species Requirements:

BEEF: To be eligible for the Beef Ambassador participants must be:

1. 16-19 years old as of January 1, 2021
2. Participants or their family's needs to be actively involved in the beef industry and belong to the Knox County Cattlemen Association.
3. Upon entrance, contestants must prepare a short statement (30 words or less) outlining their message to consumers and submit the statement with the application. This statement will be used to compliment further performance during the contest to determine the programs strongest contestant.
4. Individuals may compete for ambassador if they are eligible or until they have been named the winner.

CANINE: To be eligible for the Canine Ambassador participants must be:

1. Age 14 – 18 years of age as of January 1, 2021.
2. Member of a Knox County 4-H or FFA program.
3. Must complete pre-fair judging and exhibit their dog project in the Wednesday Fun Show at the 2021 Knox County Junior Fair.
4. Provide a list of the Dog Projects you are enrolling in for 2021.
5. In 250 words or less explain why you wish to be chosen as the 2021 Knox County Canine Ambassador.
- The contestant that is chosen as the Ambassador must be willing and able to attend various activities throughout the 2021 4-H project year such as:
 - Showmanship Judging – July 1, 2021
 - Agility and Obedience Judging – June 29, 2021
 - Friday Fun Show at fair.

DAIRY: To be eligible for the Dairy Ambassador participants must be:

Senior Dairy Ambassador

1. Age: 17-19 years of age as of January 1, 2021.
2. Provide two letters of reference with your completed application.
3. Answer a series of questions in 250 or less. Questions are:
 - a. Why do you desire this position?
 - b. What is your history of dairy agriculture?
 - c. What are your plans after high school?

Jr. Dairy Ambassador

1. Age: 15-16 years old as of January 1, 2021.
2. Provide two letters of reference with your completed application.
3. Answer a series of questions in 250 words or less. Questions are:
 - a. Why do you desire this position?
 - b. What is your history of dairy agriculture?
 - c. What are your plans after high school?

HORSE: To be eligible for the Horse Royalty participants must be:

1. Age: 14 years old or older as of January 1, 2021, for Senior King or Queen.
 - a. 13 years old or younger as of January 1, 2021, for Junior Prince or Princess.
2. Candidates showing a Draft Horse in 2021 will be eligible to compete for Draft Horse Ambassador.
3. Youth may be a Junior, Senior or Draft Horse Royalty only once.
4. Enrolled in an equine project.
5. Show your equine project at the 2021 Knox County Junior Fair
6. The candidates must present themselves appropriately in attire (including hats), attitude and demeanor.
7. In 250 words or less state why you would like to be the Knox County Senior or Junior Horse Ambassador. You will also be required to take a test during the competition.

GOAT: To be eligible for the Goat Ambassador participants must be:

Senior Goat Ambassador

1. Age: 15-18 years of age as of January 1, 2021.
2. Member of a Knox County 4-H or FFA program.
3. Enrolled in a goat project.
4. Have completed at least one year of a goat project.
5. Show your goat(s) at the 2021 Knox County Junior Fair.
6. Complete application and one page essay stating why you would like to be the Knox County Senior Goat Ambassador and what plans you have to promote the goat industry in Knox County.

Junior Goat Ambassador

1. Age: 12-14 years of age as of January 1, 2021.
2. Member of a Knox County 4-H or FFA program.
3. Enrolled in a goat project.
4. Show your goat(s) at the 2021 Knox County Junior Fair.
5. Complete application and half page essay stating why you would like to be the Knox County Junior Goat Ambassador.

POULTRY: To be eligible for the Poultry Ambassador participants must be:

1. Age: 13 years of age as of January 1, 2021.
2. Member of a Knox County 4-H or FFA program.
3. Enrolled in a poultry project.
4. Show your poultry project at the 2021 Knox County Junior Fair.
5. In 250 words or less explain how you would help/ influence younger poultry exhibitors if chosen to be the Knox County Poultry Ambassador.

RABBIT: To be eligible for the Rabbit Ambassador participants must be:

Senior Rabbit Ambassador

1. Age: 16 years or older as of January 1, 2021.
2. Member of a Knox County 4-H or FFA program.
3. Enrolled in a rabbit project.
4. Show your rabbit(s) at the 2021 Knox County Junior Fair.
5. In 250 words or less state why you would like to be the Knox County Senior Rabbit Ambassador.

Junior Rabbit Ambassador

1. Age: 13-15 years of age as of January 1, 2021.
2. Member of a Knox County 4-H or FFA program.
3. Enrolled in a rabbit project.
4. Show your rabbit(s) at the 2021 Knox County Junior Fair.
5. In 250 words or less state why you would like to be the Knox County Junior Rabbit Ambassador.

SHEEP: To be eligible for the Sheep Ambassador participants must be:

1. Age: 14-19 years of age as of January 1, 2021.
2. Member of 4-H or FFA.
3. Currently enrolled in a sheep project.
4. Show your sheep at the Knox County Junior Fair.
5. In 250 words or less state why you would like to be the Knox County Sheep Ambassador and what plans you have to promote the sheep industry in Knox County.

SWINE: To be eligible for the Swine Ambassador participants must be:

1. Age: 14-18 years of age as of January 1, 2021.
2. Member of a Knox County 4-H or FFA program.
3. Currently enrolled in a swine project.
4. Show your hog(s) at the 2020 Knox County Junior Fair.
5. In 250 words or less state why you would like to be the Knox County Pork Ambassador and what plans you have to promote the swine industry in Knox County.

General Ambassador Responsibilities

1. Contestants and chosen ambassadors must strive to set positive leadership examples during 4-H events and in the community.
2. All candidates must demonstrate positive sportsmanship at all times.
3. Chosen ambassadors will need to be present wearing proper attire, including sash, to pass out ribbons and trophies at the Knox County Junior Fair respective shows.
4. Be present during the sale of champions.
5. Ambassadors will need to represent the 4-H Ambassador Program by attending at least 4 parades during their reign. Area parades to choose from; but not limited to:
 - a. Mount Vernon Memorial Day Parade (May)
 - b. Utica Ice Cream Festival (May)
 - c. Danville Turkey Festival (June)
 - d. Gambier 4th of July Parade (July 4th)
 - e. Centerburg Old Time Farming Festival (Sept.)
 - f. Fredericktown Tomato Festival (Saturday after Labor Day)
 - g. Utica Homecoming (Sept. or Oct.)
 - h. Mount Vernon Christmas Parade (Saturday after Thanksgiving)
 - i. Bladensburg Christmas Parade (Middle of December)
6. When riding on a float or vehicle, we ask that you place a sign of identification that includes the following information: 2021 Knox County (your species) Ambassador, Names and titles.

Judging of the Candidate:

Each species contestant is required to participate in skillathon, an interview and answer an essay question or take a test identified in the requirements. Judging will occur on **Saturday, March 20, 2021** at the Ramser 4-H Activity Center -700 Perimeter Drive, Mount Vernon. Each applicant was able to pick their interview time via the online survey. Please plan to arrive 10 minutes before your interview time for registration and directions.

Judging Rubric:

Skillathon 50 points

Interview 25 points

Essay/ Statement/ Test 25 points

The candidate with the most points will be each species ambassador. If a tie breaker is needed the first criteria will be the highest skillathon score.