

Missouri 4-H Volunteer Application Form

Missouri 4-H is volunteer-based, and cannot exist as we know it without dedicated volunteers. Please join us!

4-H Volunteers...

- provide safe, positive environments for 4-Hers
- provide essential resources of time and talent for conducting the program
- are screened for child abuse & neglect and criminal records, in keeping with the necessity for ensuring the safety of youth as well as providing protection for each volunteer
- are notified in writing of their acceptance and placement in volunteer positions prior to serving as volunteers.

This application will be handled with the highest degree of confidentiality and stored in a locked, secure location within the local University of Missouri Extension Center.

This application must be completed in its entirety.

Category Organization/Club Leader Activity Leader
(check one) Project Leader Resource Leader

Enrollment type New Enrollment Re-enrollment
(check one) Drop # of years as 4-H Volunteer: _____

NAME: Last _____ **First** _____ **M.I.** _____
Previous last names _____
(maiden, previous married, etc.)

ADDRESS: Street _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Date of birth _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Gender male female

PHONE: Cell () _____ **Home** () _____ **Work** () _____

Residence Farm Town (10,000-50,000)
(check one) Rural (under 10,000) City (over 50,000)
 Suburb (over 50,000)

Email _____

Ethnicity Hispanic Non-Hispanic

Race White Asian
(check all that apply) Black Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
 Alaskan/Native American Indian

Club _____ **County** _____

IF PROJECT LEADER, INDICATE:	Project name(s)	Project code	Years leading project
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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County Code _____ Club Code _____ Leader code _____

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REQUIRED CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1st YEAR VOLUNTEERS ONLY: Social Security Number _____

ALL VOLUNTEERS: *Have you ever...*

	YES	NO
...been convicted of a criminal offense – felony or misdemeanor? (If yes, in the space below specify the year in which this happened and the state and county where the offense occurred.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...been charged with child abuse or neglect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...had your driver's license suspended or revoked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other than the above, is there any fact or circumstance involving you or your background that would call into question your being entrusted with the supervision, guidance and care of young people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, please explain:
(a "yes" answer does not automatically exclude you from becoming a volunteer.)

Missouri 4-H Youth Protection Policy for 4-H Volunteers A code of ethics all staff and volunteers are expected to observe

- **Treat youth with respect, caring and acceptance.** I know that all young people are valuable and capable of helping others and improving their community. I will use a democratic approach when working with youth.
- **Honor my volunteer commitment.** I will strive to live up to my volunteer commitment by working the hours necessary to fulfill the volunteer role I have accepted.
- **Keep records, distribute materials and support the 4-H system.** I will distribute 4-H materials to youth and adults. I will keep the required records and turn them in on time. I will assist youth and adults with enrollment, active participation and recognition.
- **Seek training for my volunteer role.** I will participate in meetings, self-study or other training opportunities, which will help me work more effectively with youth and adults.
- **Treat all youth and adults equally, without discrimination.** I will provide equal access to participation for all youth and adults, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin or disability.
- **Provide a safe environment.** I will not harm youth or adults in any way, whether through sexual harassment, physical force, verbal or mental abuse, neglect or other harmful experience.
- **Abstain from using alcohol or any illegal substances while working with, or responsible for youth; neither will I allow youth to do so while under my supervision.**
- **Obey the laws of the locality, state and nation.**
- **Strive to be a positive role model.** By my example, I will help individuals learn to respect and cooperate with others. I will teach others to compete with honesty and fair play.
- **Work as a "team player" for the good of all persons.** I will work cooperatively with other adult volunteers for the good of all involved in the program.
- **Work within the 4-H system.** As a 4-H volunteer, I am accountable for my actions to the county 4-H Council [or similar policy-setting body], county University of Missouri Extension Council, Missouri 4-H Youth Development Programs, and University of Missouri Extension. If my personal conduct is deemed by these bodies to be in violation of this agreement or if I fail to meet any of these eleven policy statements, I understand I may be relieved of my volunteer role.

For protection of 4-H members and volunteers, a new volunteer application must be completed and on file at the local University of Missouri Extension Center each year. All required information must be fully completed for application acceptance.

I understand my signature below authorizes submission of the information on this page and the previous page for child abuse & neglect and criminal records-check, including sexual offenses. In addition, by signing I verify that all information provided herein is correct and that I agree with and will adhere to the 4-H Youth Protection Policy as printed above.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____ 2