



What is a 4-H Water Ambassador?

The 4-H Water Ambassador program is a leadership opportunity for teens 13 and older, focusing on the importance of water quality, water conservation and water careers. It is a project for teens in the Cottonwood Extension District (Barton & Ellis counties.)

If selected, the first step will be to attend two (2) training sessions. This team of trained teens will be expected to return to their communities and lead other young people in water educational activities at one or more of the following:

- World Water Day Fun Fest at Sternberg Museum (tentatively, March 2027)
- Wetlands Education Center – Earth Day Celebration
- Classroom presentations
- After school programs
- 4-H Club meetings
- County Fair displays at the Barton and Ellis County Fairs
- Other activities where anyone is willing to learn!

Teens involved with the 2027 4-H Water Ambassador Team will:

- Increase public speaking skills
- Learn about the water cycle
- Learn about ways to conserve water
- Learn about the use of technology to monitor water resources
- Learn how everyone can contribute to caring for our shared water resource
- Learn about potential careers in water
- Learn ways to use social media, videos, and other technology platforms to spread the word about the importance of our most precious resource – water!

Are you willing to take on the challenge? Will you step up and take the lead?

Complete the application and sign it. Have your parent sign the application, too. You may scan and return the application with one letter of recommendation by email to benjam63@ksu.edu or return your application to either Cottonwood District Extension office:

- In Great Bend, 3007 10th Street, Great Bend, KS 67530
- In Hays, 601 Main Street, Hays, KS 67601

Applications and letter of recommendation are due October 1st.

Interviews will be held in November via Zoom to determine the team members.



4-H Water Ambassador Team Application

Due October 1st to your local Cottonwood District Extension Office

Name _____ Email Address _____

Grade in School _____ Age _____ (Must be 13 as of Jan. 1, 2026)

Parent Phone# _____ Teen Phone# _____

Why are you interested in serving as a Water Ambassador?

What experience have you had teaching youth about a project or specific topic?

What ideas do you have for reaching youth in your community with this important information?

Complete this sentence, "I want to be one of the teen leaders to teach about water because. . ."

_____ If selected, I will commit to attending two (2) training workshops.

_____ I will commit to teaching youth about water through at least one local experience held
Spring / Summer 2027.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Include one letter of recommendation with your application, from an adult (not a relative) who can tell us about your leadership and teaching skills.