



## 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 pilot project for teens in the Cottonwood Extension District.

If selected, the first step will be to attend two (2) training sessions on January 9 (Hays) and February 20, 2021 (Great Bend). 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 23 or 25, 2021)
- Wetlands Education Center – Earth Day Celebration
- Crossroads Exhibit event at Hays Public Library
- Afterschool programs
- 4-H Club meetings
- County Fair displays at the Barton and Ellis County Fairs
- Other activities where youth are willing to learn!

Youth involved with the 2021 4-H Water Ambassador Team will:

- Learn about the water cycle
- Learn about ways to conserve water
- Learn about using drones to view water sources and land use
- 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 water resource.

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 and one letter of recommendation by email to [mberan@ksu.edu](mailto:mberan@ksu.edu) or [sschlich@ksu.edu](mailto:sschlich@ksu.edu) OR return your application to either Cottonwood District Extension office:

- In Great Bend, 1800 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Great Bend, KS 67530
- In Hays, 601 Main Street, Hays, KS 67601

**Teen Leader applications are due December 1.** Interviews will be held on December 10 via Zoom to determine the team members.



## 4-H Water Ambassador Team Application

*Due December 1 to your local Cottonwood District Extension Office*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be 13 as of January 1, 2021)

Parent Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Teen Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in serving as a 4-H 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 2021.

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.***