

INFORMATION

The information provided here will be handled in a confidential manner. Your application will be used by appropriately authorized 4-H personnel to make decisions about volunteer placement.

MONTANA 4-H VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

I. General Information

Name _____ (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ (Last)

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (Zip)

How long have you lived at this address? _____

Telephone: Day (_____) _____ Evening (_____)

Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____ (optional)

Are you a 4-H alumnus? _____ Where were you a 4-H member? _____ County/State

Have you previously been a 4-H volunteer? _____ If yes, how many years? _____

Where? _____ In what role? _____

List your prior addresses for the last 5 years, and length of time you lived at each.

_____ (Street)	_____ (City)	_____ (State)	_____ (Zip)	_____ (Length of Stay)
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II. Volunteer Interest

Why are you interested in a 4-H volunteer position?

Do you prefer to work directly with _____ youth? _____ adults? _____ both?

If you prefer to work directly with youth, what age level(s) do you prefer?

_____ Primary 4-H'ers (6-8 years of age)

_____ Junior 4-H'ers (9-11 years of age)

_____ Intermediate 4-H'ers (12-13 years of age)

_____ Senior 4-H'ers (14+ years of age)

What time commitment do you initially desire?

_____ 1-2 months _____ 3-6 months _____ 6-12 months _____ ongoing

What type of volunteer position are you interested in?

_____ organizational leader _____ council member _____ activity leader
 _____ project leader _____ trip chaperon _____ other (explain)



Volunteer Experience (list current or more recent roles)

Organization

Volunteer Role

Year(s)

III. Personal Background (If you answer *yes* to any of the following, please explain on the lines provided below.)

- a. Have you been convicted of a criminal offense in the past seven years?
- b. Have you ever been charged with child abuse or neglect?
- c. Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked?
- d. 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?.....

A criminal record will not necessarily bar an applicant; a criminal record will be considered as it relates to specifics of the position for which you have applied.

IV. References

List two persons not related to you who have knowledge of your qualifications. Please provide complete addresses and phone numbers.

a. Name _____ Association with applicant _____ Phone _____
Address _____

b. Name _____ Association with applicant _____ Phone _____
Address _____

V. Signature and Authorization

I authorize the contact of the listed references and/or other checks of my Personal Background related to Section III. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of information requested is just cause for non-appointment as a 4-H volunteer. I also understand that this information will be reviewed by 4-H personnel in order to make decisions on my placement as a 4-H volunteer.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Please return application at your earliest convenience. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or wish further information. Thank you.

Return to:

Montana State University Extension programs are open to all.

Agent Signature _____ Date _____
(Optional)

_____ Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Date _____



MONTANA 4-H VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY

The mission of Montana 4-H is to educate youth and adults for living in a global and everchanging world by using the resources of Land-Grant Universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It strives to create environments in which young people are valued, contributing members of their community. volunteers are one key to fulfilling this mission. The Youth Protection Policy outlines Montana 4-H Youth Program expectations of all those who work with children and youths. It represents a code of ethics which all volunteers and staff are expected to observe.

1. I will treat youths as resources, with respect, caring and acceptance. I know that all young people are valuable resource who can help others and improve their community I will use a democratic approach when working with youth.
2. I will seek training for my volunteer role in the 4-H program. I will participate in meetings, self study, or other training programs which will help me work more effectively with young people and adults.
3. I will not discriminate against any youth or adult. I will provide equal access to participation for all youth and adults, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, or handicap.
4. I will provide a safe environment. I will not harm youths or adults in any way, whether through sexual harassment, physical force, verbal or mental abuse, neglect, or other harmful experiences.
5. I will not use alcohol or illegal substances while working with or responsible for youths, or allow youths to do so while under my supervision.
6. I will obey the laws of the locality, state, and nation.
7. I will 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 complete with honesty and fair play.
8. I will work as a "team player" for the good of all persons. I will work cooperatively with other adult volunteers for the good of all those involved in the program.
9. I will work within the 4-H system. As a 4-H volunteer, I am accountable to the County 4-H Council (or similar body), County Commissioners, Montana 4-H Youth Development Programs, and Montana State University Extension for my actions. If my personal conduct is deemed to be in violation of this agreement, I understand that I may be relieved of my volunteer role by these bodies.

I have read and understand the Montana 4-H Volunteer Commitment and Youth Protection Policy. I agree to this policy and will work to fulfill my commitment as a 4-H volunteer.

Signature

Date

