



**Selection process will include application and interview process. Team will be made up of youth from all districts and all disciplines.**

Applications must be submitted both electronically and hard copy through the mail.

Electronic applications must be submitted by 5:00pm Monday, **April 8th, 2024**, and the hard copy must also be postmarked on or before **April 8th, 2024**. An electronic copy and one hard copy of the application must both be received.

Electronic copy of application (complete through Question 5) should be emailed to [toby.duffey@okstate.edu](mailto:toby.duffey@okstate.edu). You do not need to electronically send Certification Form, Letters of Recommendation or have electronic signatures. All these items should be included in your hard copy mailing.

**Hardcopies should be mailed to:**

Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports Attn.: Ruth Pratt  
505 AG Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078

Name:

Email:

County:

Club:

Home address:

Phone Number:

Date of Birth:

Grade level in School:

District:

Years in 4-H:

Cell Number:

Month & Year of High School Graduation:

**Basic Requirements for Applicants (all must be met)**

- Must be entering high school in the 9th – 12th grade as of August 1, 2024
- Must be an actively enrolled member of Oklahoma 4-H for the current 2023-2024 4-H year at time of application.
- Must provide 3 letters of reference – one from an Oklahoma Extension Employee one from a parent/guardian and one from another trustworthy, non-family member adult.
- Selection requires mandatory participation in an introductory training June 5-6, 2024
- Selection requires attending and reporting a minimum number of events/activities within the program year to maintain a Shooting Sports Ambassador position from one program year to the next.

**Basic Expectations of Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors**

- Be an active part of the Shooting Sports Ambassador group statewide and within your district (Northeast, Southeast, and West)
- Communicate with fellow state Shooting Sports Ambassadors and the designated adult Advisor(s)
- Maintain personal conduct at all times that will represent a positive leader and role model for 4-H and the shooting sports industry
- Be an active, positive support for the 4-H Shooting Sports project at the county, district and state levels
- Assist in maintaining relations with 4-H Faculty and Extension Administrators as well as past, present and future program donors and supporters
- Be available and participate in various activities and events other than competitions to promote and support 4-H Shooting Sports
- Participate in the mandatory training designed for the Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors.

**Training and Uniform**

Uniform for Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors will consist of:

Official polo

Official name tag

Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors will be required to attend Leadership training as part of this team. There will also be quarterly meetings/updates/trainings. Email communication is critical.

### **Application Process**

Interested applicants will need to complete the following steps no later than April 8, 2024 at 5:00pm

1. Review and understand all details in the information section
2. Complete the Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador application, submitting both an electronic and hard copy
3. Applicants will receive an email notifying them if they will advance to the interview process. Those selected to advance to an interview will be based upon their application and references.

Applicants advancing to the interview should be prepared to answer questions about Oklahoma 4-H, shooting sports, and their personal 4-H experiences. The numbers of Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors are selected based upon returning ambassadors, diverse representation of disciplines and geographical areas.

### **Criteria for Selection**

OSU Extension and Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to ensuring the Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador program is representative of the diversity of Oklahoma, is represented by youth across all shooting sports disciplines, members who have displayed good service to their communities and show leadership skills, and members that can act on their decisions and represent Oklahoma 4-H and Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports professionally. Final selection will be based on accumulation of scores from application/references, and interview. 5 judges will serve on the Shooting Sports Ambassador selection committee.

### **Application Questions**

1. Why would you be an effective ambassador of the Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports program, based on what you know about this opportunity? What do you see as your potential contributions to this program?
  
2. Please provide one or more examples of how you have exhibited or developed skills in leadership in projects or programs related to Safety and Education in Shooting Sports.

3. Civic Engagement is the opportunity, right, and responsibility we have to contribute to shaping the world around us and providing service to others. Provide one or more examples of how you engaged in civic engagement activities related to safety and education in shooting sports, and how this has positively impacted your personal development.
  
4. Regardless of how many or how few years you've been a part of 4-H, please explain how your 4-H experiences in safety and education in shooting sports have helped you reach your personal goals. Explain how you think these experiences may benefit you in your future endeavors.
  
5. Please provide examples of involvement in Oklahoma 4-H outside of the shooting sports project area.

## Letters of Reference

Each of the references listed should complete a letter of recommendation. The letter should be placed in a sealed envelope by your reference with the reference's signature across the seal of the envelope. The sealed and signed envelope will be opened by the State 4-H Office.

Letters should be from your county Extension educator, parent/guardian and a non-family member.

List the name, email address and contact number of references below:

County Extension Educator

Email	Address	Phone
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Parent(s) or Guardian

Email	Address	Phone
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Person other than family

Email	Address	Phone
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## **OKLAHOMA 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS AMBASSADOR CERTIFICATION FORM**

I have reviewed the objectives, roles and functions, and expectations of a State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador. I am willing to devote the time and travel required.

I will be active in my Club and County 4-H Program, as well as maintain an acceptable academic standard in school during my service as a State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador.

If selected as a State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador, I am willing to pay or secure a sponsor for the initial financial requirement of approximately \$50.00 to cover the cost of the uniform and other expenses related to my role. I will visit with county Extension staff before making donor contacts.

Further, I am willing to conduct myself in the highest standards expected of a State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador.

Applicant's signature:

PLEASE PRINT:

Name:

Address:

County:

We understand that our (my) child wishes to serve as an Oklahoma State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador. We (I) will support them in fulfilling the responsibilities should they be selected. We (I) have written a reference letter and have completed a reference sheet. We (I) understand that we are responsible for transportation to and from Ambassador meetings and events.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

We certify that the above named 4-H'er has an active status in the online 4-H enrollment system and in good standing in our club. We support their application for the position of State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador.

4-H Club Leader Signature:

County Extension Educator Signature: