



4-H Volunteer Application Form



UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL

NAME _____

MAIL ADDRESS _____

HOME ADDRESS (if different) _____

PHONE: HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL _____

EMAIL _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ Social Security #: _____
(must be 19 years of age or older) (Needed for background check reasons)

ADDRESS(ES) FOR PREVIOUS 5 YEARS

NAME(S) PREVIOUSLY USED _____

CURRENT EMPLOYER _____

EMPLOYER ADDRESS _____

Because we are required by the federal government and our funding agency(s) to submit data on all participants that we serve, we would appreciate you checking the category below that best describes your sex, race(s) and national origin group.

Sex: Female Male

Racial Categories (Please check all that apply):

American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White

Ethnic Categories: (Please check one)

Not Hispanic or Latino Hispanic or Latino

1. Please tell us about your skills and interests:

Educational Background

Current Occupation

Hobbies, Interests

Special Skills and Training

Previous Work with Young People

Previous Volunteer Experience

4-H Experience: _____member Please indicate the State_____, County _____, Country _____
_____leader Please indicate the State _____, County _____, Country _____
_____other volunteer activities What capacity? _____

2. What type of position(s) do you prefer or would you like to be considered for?

_____Group/Club Organization Leader	_____Advisory Group Member
_____Group/Club Assistant Leader	_____4-H Camp Board Member
_____Group Project Leader	
_____4-H Camp Volunteer	_____Other (please be specific)
_____4-H Special Project Teacher	

3. With which age group(s) do you prefer to work?

_____7-9	_____13-14	_____adults
_____10-12	_____15-19	_____mixed ages

4. If you want to teach a 4-H project, which area (s) do you prefer?

_____Citizenship & Civic Education	_____Communications & Expressive Arts
_____Consumer & Family Sciences	_____Environmental Ed. & Earth Sciences
_____Healthy Lifestyles Education	_____Personal Development & Leadership
_____Plants	_____Science & Technology
_____Animals	

5. Briefly explain why you would like to be a 4-H volunteer.

6. Additional Information (use additional sheets if necessary)

The 4-H Youth Development Program has a responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for all youth. Because of this responsibility, we ask for the following information. Answers to the following questions will be considered if relevant to the volunteer position for which you are applying:

- a. Do you use illegal drugs? yes____ no____
- b. Have you ever been convicted
of child abuse or neglect? yes____ no____
- c. Have you ever been convicted
of animal abuse? yes____ no____
- d. Have you ever been convicted
of a criminal offense? yes____ no____
- e. Have you ever been convicted
of a motor vehicle violation? yes____ no____
- f. Have a valid driver's license? yes____ no____
driver's license # _____ State _____
- g. Are there any criminal charges
pending against you? yes____ no____
- h. Other than the above, is there
any fact or circumstance that would
cause questions about having you
supervise, guide and care for
young people? yes____ no____

Please explain any "yes" answers here. For convictions, please include an explanation of the nature of the conviction, the degree of rehabilitation and the time since release. (You are not required to disclose the existence of any arrest, criminal charge or conviction, the records of which have been erased pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 46b-146, 54-76o, or 54-142a. Criminal records that may be erased are records pertaining to a finding of delinquency or that a child was a member of a family with service needs (C.G.S. § 46b-146), an adjudication as a youthful offender (C.G.S. § 54-76o), a criminal charge that has been dismissed or nolle, a criminal charge for which the person has been found not guilty or a conviction for which the person received an absolute pardon (C.G.S. § 54-142a)).

7. References

Please list 3 people who have known you for at least 2 years and are not related to you. They should be familiar with your character as it relates to working with young people. Please do not include family members. Each will be asked by phone or by letter to complete a short questionnaire. All responses will be held confidential.

NAME	COMPLETE MAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
(1) _____	_____	_____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____	_____	
(2) _____	_____	_____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____	_____	
(3) _____	_____	_____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____	_____	

8. Upon acceptance as a volunteer for the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System 4-H Youth Development program, I agree to fulfill the following responsibilities while serving in this role:

- a. Participate in appropriate volunteer training and conduct 4-H activities in compliance with University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System guidelines.
- b. Maintain the integrity and standards of 4-H youth development.
- c. Keep 4-H staff fully informed of group or project activities, including field trips, fund raising events, and other special activities.
- d. Maintain up-to-date enrollment with the local University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System 4-H office for myself, my members, and other volunteers I direct.
- e. Welcome all youth, their families and other volunteers to participate in the program, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age and disability.
- f. Maintain appropriate records and financial information. Prepare and submit reports as requested.

I hereby certify that there are no misrepresentations or omissions of fact in the foregoing statements and answers to questions. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of fact is cause for non-appointment or dismissal as a volunteer.

I authorize the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System, 4-H Youth Development Program, to contact listed references and to conduct a background investigation which may include, but not be limited to, employment, child welfare, motor vehicle and/or criminal offense histories and animal cruelty. I release from liability the University of Connecticut, its Cooperative Extension System, 4-H Youth Development Program, the State of Connecticut and their agents and employees in conducting this background investigation and any persons or entities which provide information in response to the background investigation.

Signature

Date