



2026 Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Ambassador Information and Fact Sheet

Application Deadline – Wednesday, August 26, 2026 (5:00 pm)

Any applicant must have the following completed to be considered eligible for an interview: *(please note the items that are accepted digitally and the items that are accepted via mail or hand delivery)*:

Applicant Requirement Checklist

Digitally accepted (by Wednesday, August 26, 2026):

- ☐ Application Form
- ☐ Questionnaire Form
- ☐ Discussion Form
- ☐ Certification Form
- ☐ Job Description Form
- ☐ Resume

Accepted via mail (by Wednesday, August 26, 2026) or in person by state shoot in sealed envelopes.

- ☐ References

All applicants will be notified by Wednesday, September 9, 2026, as to whether they have been selected for an interview.

Interviews will take place in person on the evening of Saturday, September 12, 2026, on-site at the Virginia State Shoot. Applicants will need to check in at the “Ambassador Table” in the dining hall by 2:00 PM, Saturday, September 12th.

Questions?

Please contact **Robert Tillotson**

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Overview and Expectations

Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Ambassador Program

The Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Ambassador Program offers teens the opportunity to demonstrate and build upon their skills in citizenship, leadership, and public speaking as they travel around Virginia, serving as advocates and spokespersons for 4-H Shooting Education. The function of this group is to help build the shooting education program in Virginia, to help our members increase their knowledge of the sport, and to encourage our members to meet like-minded youth.

This is a service organization for which it is an honor to be chosen and is only as strong as its participants. General expectations of the Ambassador program include, but are not limited to, the following. **Ambassadors must:**

- be 14 years of age, but not over the age of 19 as of January 1, 2027 (may finish term past 19th birthday)
- have a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- be enrolled in 4-H and actively participating in a 4-H Shooting Education Program for at least 1 year (preferred)
- attend and actively engage in the events as designated on the Ambassador schedule. Note: Limited funds are available to offset much of the costs. However, Ambassadors may need to bear some of the expenses (meals, lodging, travel, etc.).
- serve a two-year term (renewable if selected)
- be willing and able to take limited time off from school (three to five days per school year)
- be aware that only a limited number of teens from across the state will be selected to serve as Ambassadors
- **If selected: Pay a \$100 acceptance fee to cover programmatic resources (make checks payable to "Treasurer, Virginia Tech" and include "Shooting Ambassadors" in the memo).**

****See application for additional information and expectations****

Listed below are Tentative Program & Opportunity Dates for 2026-2027

Please understand that dates marked with an "***" are **mandatory** and the dates listed are slated for our year; HOWEVER, changes may arise at any time.

Date:	Description:	Location:
August 26, 2026	Applications are due	Robert Tillotson 8868 Red House Road Appomattox, VA 24522 ricochetrobort56@gmail.com
**September 9, 2026	Applicants are notified their standing/contacted for interviews	Email notification
September 11, 2026	State Council Meeting	Holiday Lake 4-H Center
**September 11-13, 2026	State 4-H Shoot	Holiday Lake 4-H Center



**September 12, 2026	Applicant Interviews (evening)	Holiday Lake 4-H Center
September 26, 2026	State Shotgun Championship	Brushy Mt. Club, Gretna, VA
October 10-11, 2026	Instructor Training Weekend	Holiday Lake 4-H Center
** November 6-7, 2026	Ambassador Training	Outdoor Learning Center, Harrisonburg, VA
** January 8-10, 2027	Ambassador Training	Skelton 4-H Center
January 9-10, 2027	Shooting Council Meeting	Skelton 4-H Center
**March 12-14, 2027	Ambassadors Assist Spring Air	Skelton 4-H Center
**March 12-14, 2027	Spring Air Championship	Skelton 4-H Center
Summer of 2027	National Ambassador Training	Location TBD?
Summer of 2027	Shooting Education Camp	Holiday Lake 4-H Center
Summer of 2027	District Competitions	Various locations



Application

Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Ambassador Program

APPLICANT NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL)		AGE:	BIRTHDAY (MM/DD/YYYY):
ADDRESS:	CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
APPLICANT EMAIL:		APPLICANT CELL:	
PARENT NAME:	PARENT EMAIL:		PARENT CELL:
PARENT NAME:	PARENT EMAIL		PARENT CELL:
UNIT (COUNTY OR CITY):		4-H CLUB NAME:	
SCHOOL NAME:		YEAR IN SCHOOL:	GPA:
MONTH AND YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:	YEARS IN 4-H:	We have Ambassador clothing that is worn at events and during programming. A form will be supplied if selected for sizes.	

Discipline:	Numbers of Years In:	Portfolio Completed: (Yes or No)
Air Pistol		
Air Rifle		
Archery		
Muzzleloading		
Shotgun		
Smallbore Pistol		
Smallbore Rifle		
BB		
Public Speaking/Presentation		N/A

Please complete the following based on your experience and documentation:



Questionnaire

Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Ambassador Program

The following is a list of questions about your certifications, 4-H shooting activities, other 4-H activities, and community and/or school involvement. Fill out to the best of your ability. You may not have activities to list under each question, and that is okay. Be sure to include your experiences in citizenship, leadership, and public speaking. Examples include but are not limited to: shooting experience (camps, competitions, training), school activities (clubs, sports), church activities, civic activities, community service, etc.

List all shooting certifications held (4-H or NRA):

Other certifications held (ex. Lifeguard, First Aid, CPR):

Participation in competitive events in the 4-H Shooting Education Program: (Example: State 4-H Shotgun Championship – 2021, 2020, NE/SE District Shoot – 2020, air pistol, AP silhouettes):



Participation in competitive **non-4-H** shooting events: (Example: American Legion Air Rifle –2023):

Offices, committee positions, or leadership roles held in 4-H Clubs:

Offices, committee positions, or leadership roles held in **non-4-H** Clubs/Groups:

List any honors or awards you have received (4-H **and** other):



Discussion

Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Ambassador Program

Please answer the following questions.

You may add additional pages if necessary, but please keep your answers brief.

What has 4-H taught me?

How has 4-H helped me?

How can I promote the Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Program?



Certification Forms

Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Ambassador Program

ALL PHYSICAL SIGNATURES MUST BE ACQUIRED BEFORE APPLICATION SUBMISSION

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE DISCLAIMER:

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree that my electronic signature is the legally binding equivalent of my handwritten signature. I consent to be legally bound by the terms and conditions of this agreement. I further affirm that I am the authorized user of this signature and that it was applied with full knowledge and intent.

I have reviewed the "Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Ambassador Program Description and Information" document, and I am willing to make the Ambassador Program a priority and devote the time 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 Virginia 4-H Shooting Sport Ambassador. Furthermore, I am willing to hold my conduct to the highest standards expected of a Teen Ambassador. I recognize that failure to meet these standards may result in dismissal from the Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Ambassador program.

Applicant's Signature		Date:	
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We (I) understand that our (my) son/daughter wishes to serve as a Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Ambassador. We (I) will support him/her in fulfilling the responsibilities should he/she be selected. We (I) understand that this is both a time and a financial commitment. I understand that there will be training weekends and costs of meals and lodging. Financial costs will be kept as low as possible. The program offsets costs whenever possible.

Parent/Guardian Signature		Date	
Parent/Guardian Signature		Date	

We certify that the above-named 4-H member is enrolled, active, and in good standing in our 4-H shooting education club and county 4-H program. We support his/her application for the position of Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Ambassador.

4-H Club Leader Signature		Date	
4-H Club Leader Email		4-H Club Leader Phone	
Extension Agent Signature		Date	
Extension Agent Email		Extension Agent Phone	



Job Description

Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Ambassador Program

Once selected, Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Ambassadors are expected to participate fully in the following requirements:

- Represent 4-H and specifically 4-H Shooting Sports, for public relations purposes at special events such as: donor/supporter functions, with the general public, peer groups, 4-H groups, community service groups, schools, media contacts, etc.
- Serve as spokespersons for the VA 4-H Shooting Sports program within their District and State - helping to make 4-H Shooting Sports programs more visible.
- Further develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations, and team building.
- Assist in maintaining relations with 4-H Faculty and Cooperative Extension Administrators, as well as past, present, and future program donors and supporters.
- Continue and expand their involvement in 4-H Shooting Sports beyond shooting skills and competitive levels.
- Stay actively connected with the 4-H Shooting Sports program as they enter their collegiate years and into adulthood.
- Serve to support the 4-H Shooting Education program through public relations.
- Function as a positive role model for youth in Virginia.
- Abide by the Virginia 4-H Code of Conduct both during and outside of 4-H events.
- Continually strive for improvement by serving as an agent of change.
- Promote inclusion and respect for diversity across 4-H.
- Utilize the skills and knowledge gained through 4-H to engage youth in educational activities.
- Proactively engage in healthy partnerships that promote 4-H Shooting Sports and Education.
- **Be prompt in communication with advisors by the date requested.**
- **Attend Ambassador events. Absences must be accompanied by a valid excuse.**
- Be responsible for providing or arranging personal transportation to all activities and events.
- Adhere to the official dress code.
- Serve as a liaison between Virginia 4-H Shooting Education members and Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Council.
- Submit Quarterly Activity Report within the designated time frame.
- Demonstrate mature and appropriate behavior at all times.

4-H Club Leader Signature		Date	
Extension Agent Signature		Date	

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