

Volunteer Position Description

4-H Youth Development

Position Title: **Committee Volunteer**

Current Clark County 4-H Committees: 4-H, Beef, Dairy, Dog, Family and Consumer Sciences, Goat, Horse, Rabbit & Poultry includes Cavy, Sheep, Shooting Sports, Swine.

Time Required

- 90 minutes to 2-hour meetings held multiple times per year based on the committee's programmatic planning and implementation functions.
- 20+ to 50+ hours of programmatic implementation based on committee's events.

General Purpose:

- ◆ Support and advise Clark County 4-H professionals about the current and future needs of county youth, volunteers, and families to promote and foster involvement in 4-H Youth Development Programs specific to the programmatic area(s).

Specific Responsibilities:

- ◆ Plan, conduct, evaluate and recommend hands-on experientially based educational program for youth and volunteers based on county needs.
- ◆ Lead and assist with competitive and educational events including, but not limited to clinics, workshops, fundraisers, skill-a-thons, project judging, contests, shows, weigh-in's, tag-in's, identification days, quality assurance, Equi-STEP and promotional events.
- ◆ Represent assigned group/area based on county structure and partner in advocating for youth involvement and volunteer support.
- ◆ Attend committee meetings according to the committee's constitution and actively participate in the committees' business, goals, objectives, mission and overall efforts in a positive manner.
- ◆ Assist in the recruitment and educational development of 4-H volunteers and youth.
- ◆ Encourage participation from parents, members, families and the community in 4-H programs and activities at the county and state levels.
- ◆ Keep informed and share 4-H information communicated via the website, social media, emails, 4-H app, etc.
- ◆ Inform 4-H professionals concerning training and resource needs of members or volunteers.
- ◆ Assist in securing resources to conduct, promote, and expand the 4-H program.
- ◆ Promote favorable public relations and a positive image of the 4-H program.
- ◆ Participate in educational opportunities to further knowledge and skills.
- ◆ Work with the 4-H professionals, volunteers and youth in a positive manner that promotes teamwork and collaboration within the 4-H program and its programming partners.
- ◆ Become familiar with and work within the philosophy, guidelines, and standards of behavior of the Ohio State University Extension, Ohio 4-H Program and the Clark County 4-H Program.
- ◆ If assigned fiscal responsibilities, review Financial Volunteer Expectations document at <https://go.osu.edu/4hfinancialvolunteerexpectations>

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Qualifications & Expectations:

- ◆ Ability, interest, and willingness to:
 - Collaboratively work with other volunteers, 4-H professionals and community partners to plan, conduct and evaluate positive educational and competitive programs and events that support positive youth development.
 - Be dedicated to youth and sensitive to their abilities and needs of all.
 - Attend annual volunteer training as directed by the Clark County 4-H professionals.
 - Become familiar with and work within the philosophy and guidelines of Ohio State University Extension, Ohio 4-H Program and the Clark County 4-H program.

Ohio State University Extension Will:

- ◆ Provide training opportunities to assist volunteers to meet programmatic needs of members, volunteers, clubs, and families.
- ◆ Provide access to educational materials and resources.
- ◆ Assist in troubleshooting to solve problems, develop risk management strategies, and to foster an environment for teamwork.
- ◆ Support and provide recognition of volunteers, members and clubs served by the various committees' events, activities, and programs.

Mentor/Supervising Professionals:

- ◆ Clark County Extension 4-H Youth Development Professional(s)

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