



**Weld Agricultural Leadership Ambassadors (WALA) Project
Application**

Must be received by June 30, 2017

Name _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____ Years in 4-H _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Grade you will be entering (check) High School: ___ 10 ___ 11 ___ 12 College Freshman ___

Parents'/Guardians' Name(s) _____

Eligibility

1. Must be at least 16 years old as of October 1, 2017, but not turn 19 before December 31, 2017.
2. Must be enrolled, and a member in good standing, with a Weld County 4-H club.
3. Must be enrolled (at the time of application, and during the year of the project) in at least one agriculture related project:
 - a. Beef, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbit (market or breeding)
 - b. Dairy cattle, Horse
 - c. Crops, Entomology, Horseless Horse, Veterinary Science, Gardening, Wildlife, or a Self-Determined project with an agriculture focus.
 - d. Contact Augusta Ahlm if you would like to request an alternative project to be considered. WALA advisor ruling on project consideration is final.

Please answer the following essay questions. (Double spaced, Times New Roman 12-point font, one inch margins, print on one side, no more than three pages.):

1. What are your post-high school and career goals? How will you utilize the educational scholarship you receive from this program?
2. What 4-H projects have you completed (or are completing)? What have you learned from them that helped prepare you to be in this program?
3. Please share a strength you possess and how it would enhance the WALA project.
4. Time commitment is a critical part of this project. Beginning in October, there will be monthly activities and trainings that you are expected to participate in. Further, you will be expected to represent Weld County 4-H at various times where you will advocate agriculture. (See program requirements section for more complete details on expectations.) What experience do you have managing multiple responsibilities?

Return a complete application packet to the Weld County Extension Office so that it is **received** no later than June 30, 2017. Packet should include:

- This completed cover sheet;
- Up to three pages of responses to the four questions listed above;
- Resume;
- One letter of recommendation, not from a relative, must be included with the application packet.

Application packets can be mailed or hand delivered to the Weld County Extension Office, 525 N 15th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631.

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Selection process

1. Completed application packet received by selection committee by June 30, 2017.
2. Depending upon the amount of applicants, there may be a pre-screening of applications before interviews.
3. Selected applicants will interview with the selection committee. Interview dates are set for Monday, July 24th at the Weld County Fair. **After your application has been submitted and reviewed, you will be contacted about setting up an interview.**
4. Candidates selected and announced by August 1, 2017.
5. Terms begins on October 1, 2017, however ambassadors are expected to attend training before term start.

Program requirements

1. Completed application **received** at the Weld County Extension Office, 525 N 15th Avenue, Greeley, Colorado, 80631, no later than June 30, 2017.
2. Attendance at regularly scheduled Level 1 activities is required. (If you must miss a Level 1 activity, you will be responsible to work with program manager to arrange for an extra credit project.)
3. Many Level 2 activities will be planned as the program progresses. Every effort will be made to give as much advance notice as possible. Attendance at Level 2 activities is voluntary, in that not all participants will be expected to attend. However, you are expected to participate in at least one-half of the Level 2 activities.
4. Be an advocate for Weld County agriculture in three venues of your choosing (newspaper article, speak at a school or service club, etc.)
5. Keep a portfolio of your participation in the program in a 3-ring binder, and turn in at completion of the program. Portfolios will be evaluated with the top two receiving special recognition.

***For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Augusta Ahlm WALA Advisor
970-400-2086, aahlm@co.weld.co.us.***