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## **VA, Virginia 4-H Horse Ambassadors**



**Virginia 4-H Horse Ambassadors** is a unique program open to 4-H'ers who want to use their gifts and passion for horses to serve the community and learn life skills. The program encourages participants to become involved in a variety of outreach and public service opportunities, such as assisting with equine events mentoring and teaching youth, meeting with legislators, and representing the VA horse program at state and regional events. Throughout their term, Ambassadors hone their skills in leadership, public speaking, and networking. They also set individual goals, such as creating their own specialized horse events and fundraisers benefiting local communities. The program was recently recognized by the American Youth Horse Council for the Youth Equine Industry Connections Award. To read more about this unique 4-H equine program, visit: <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/horse/programs/horse-ambassadors.html>

"Through 4-H I have learned to never give up, whatever the frustrations, to just keep trying. Horses and 4-H go hand in hand in my life. Through every project I have taken, every minute in the show pen, I am taught lessons of dedication, sportsmanship and love. Even when I think everything is ruined and nothing is going to work, I hold my head high and keep going."