Virginia 4-H Shooting Education
Teen Ambassador
Application Packet 2017

Deadline – 12 Noon, Saturday, September 9, 2017

Complete and bring with you to the 2017 State 4-H Shoot or mail to:
Mandi Dolan
19783 US HWY 29 South, Suite C
Chatham, VA 24531

Applicants need to attend the State 4-H Shoot, September 9, 2017 for selection interviews Saturday evening. If you cannot attend that Saturday, please contact Mandi Dolan so we can see if there may be an alternative.

Questions?
Contact Mandi Dolan by e-mail: mandi@vt.edu
or by phone: 434-432-7770 or 434-713-8266
or
Robert Tillotson by email: ricochetroberts6@gmail.com
or by phone: 434-841-6055
Eligibility
Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Teen Ambassador Program

The Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Teen Ambassador Program affords 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 and to help its members increase their knowledge of the sport. This is a service organization for which it is an honor to be chosen and is only as strong as its participants.

Virginia will select teens to represent our state. Teens must:

➢ be 14 years of age, but not over the age of 19 as of January 1, 2018 (may finish term past 19th birthday)
➢ have a GPA of 2.5 or higher (desirable)
➢ be enrolled in 4-H and actively participating in a 4-H Shooting Education Program
➢ be willing and able to attend the Virginia 4-H Instructor weekends and other training weekends. Teens may have to bear the total cost of this training (meals, lodging, travel, etc.). However, we have been able to raise funds to offset much of the costs in the past.
➢ 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) if selected as a Virginia Ambassador
➢ be aware that only a limited number of teens from across the state may be selected to serve as Virginia Ambassadors

Tentative Program Training Dates for 2017-2018

| September 9 | - Applications due; selection interviews to be held Saturday evening of State 4-H Shoot |
| October 20-22 | - Instructor Training Weekend |
| November 3-5 | - Training in conjunction with 4-H Symposium, Salem, VA |
| January | - Ambassador Training Weekend
| | - State Council Meeting and Training
| | - 4-H Day at the Capital |
| February | - Mid-Atlantic Safari Club International Fundraiser (River Creek Club, Leesburg) |
| February/March | - Instructor Training Weekend |
| March 16-18 | - Spring Air, Skelton 4H Center |
| April | - State 4H Shooting Education Council |
| July | - Potential for national 4-H teen leadership workshop
| | - State 4H Shooting Education Council
| | - Potential participation in Texas State Shoot |
| September | - State 4-H Shoot |
We would like to have some gun shows, outdoor shows and other events including fundraising added to this schedule. Those dates will be set at our training meetings.

Application

Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Teen Ambassador Program

Name: _____________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: ______________________ E-mail: ______________________

Phone Number: (Home) ____________________ (Cell)__________________

Parents Contact Information:
Name(s): __________________________________________________________
Email(s): __________________________________________________________
Phone: ____________________________________________________________

Unit (County or City): _______________________________________________

4-H Shooting Education Club: _________________________________________

Date of Birth: _______________ Age as of October 1, 2017: ______________

Year in School or College: ___________ Grade Point Average (GPA): __________

School or College attending: ___________________________________________

Month & Year of High School Graduation: _______________________________

Years in 4-H: ________________

Shirt Size: T-Shirt ______ Polo/Button-up _______

*** Polo shirts and button-ups can come in different styles/cuts. Please circle which cut you prefer: Men’s Women’s

➢ Air Pistol: _________________ __________________
➢ Air Rifle: _________________ __________________
➢ Archery: _________________ __________________
➢ Hunting: _________________ __________________
➢ Muzzleloading: _________________ __________________
➢ Shotgun: _________________ __________________
➢ Smallbore Pistol: _________________ __________________
➢ Smallbore Rifle: _________________ __________________
Discipline in which you are most interested: ____________________________

Shooting Certifications Held (4H, NRA, Other): __________________________

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Other Certifications Held (ex. Lifeguard, First Aid, CPR): ________________

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Questionnaire

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

Participation in competitive events in the 4-H Shooting Education Program: (Example: State 4H Shotgun Championship – 2015, 2016, NE/SE District Shoot – 2014, air pistol, AP silhouettes)

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Participation in competitive non 4-H shooting events: (Example: American Legion Air Rifle –2015) __________________________________________________________

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

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Offices, committee positions, or leadership roles held in **non-4H** Clubs/Groups:
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Have you ever attended a “gun show”? If yes, your impressions: ________________
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Have you ever attended an “outdoor show”? If yes, your impressions: ________________
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Have you ever helped with fundraising for an organization? If yes, please explain how:
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Have you ever recruited new members to the shooting program? If yes, please explain:
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Have you ever led a program for a civic (Ruritans, Lions, etc.) group? If yes, please elaborate:
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Have you ever written a news article about shooting/shooting sports? If yes, explain:
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List any honors or awards you have received (4-H **and** other):
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Discussion
Please answer the following questions. You may add additional pages if necessary, but please keep your answers brief.

What has 4-H taught me?

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How has 4-H helped me?

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

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Certification Form
Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Teen Ambassador Program

I have reviewed the “Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Teen Ambassador Program Description and Information” 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 Education Teen Ambassador. Further, I am willing to conduct myself in the highest standards expected of a Teen Ambassador.

Applicant’s Signature ___________________________ Date

We (I) understand that our (my) son/daughter wishes to serve as a Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Teen Ambassador. We (I) will support him/her in fulfilling the responsibilities should he/she be selected. We (I) understand that this is a time and financial commitment. 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’er 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 Teen Ambassador.

4-H Club Leader Signature ___________________________ Date

Extension Agent Signature ___________________________ Date