



Cooperative Extension Service

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To: **Eligible 4-H Members**  
Re: Citizenship Washington Focus

What does it mean to be a good citizen or leader? Are you being a strong civic leader for your club, community, country, and world? One way to enhance your citizenship skills is by becoming a St. Charles Parish 4-H Citizenship Ambassador and attending 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, D. C. this summer!

The St. Charles Parish 4-H program will select four 4-H members who are currently 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade members to serve as St. Charles Parish 4-H Citizenship Ambassadors. As a 4-H Citizenship Ambassador, the 4-H members selected will agree to attend Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), which is a National 4-H Citizenship conference during the summer. During this conference, the 4-H Citizenship Ambassadors will not only participate in an extraordinary leadership conference at the Nation's Capitol but also plan a parish-wide service-learning project to implement during the upcoming school year. After attending the conference, the 4-H Citizenship Ambassadors will meet with the St. Charles Parish 4-H staff to plan the parish-wide service-learning project for the year. In addition to planning and implementing the service-learning project next school year, the 4-H Citizenship Ambassadors agree to present the results of their experience to a governing body (St. Charles School Board, Parish Council, or 4-H Foundation Board, etc.).

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) will be held on **Friday, June 28, 2019 through Saturday, July 6, 2019**. CWF is a week-long 4-H citizenship program that takes place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, just 1 mile from the Washington, D.C. border. By participating in this program, youth have the opportunity to do the following:

- Strengthen their communication, leadership, and citizenship skills on a national level
- Understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders
- Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds
- Experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of Washington, D.C.

CWF participants also enjoy the following:

- A behind-the-scenes look at our nation's capitol and the chance to meet Members of Congress
- Motivational speakers, educational workshops, and assemblies that increase individual commitment to citizen involvement and build lifetime skills for success
- Activities that encourage new and lasting friendships
- An enthusiastic staff of young adults that work directly with them

Participants are immersed in the culture and history of Washington, D. C. through onsite workshops at its most spectacular sights. Destinations include, but are not limited to the following:

- The Capitol
- Mount Vernon
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Presidential and war monuments and memorials
- Smithsonian museums

The week's signature event called "Night view" is a spectacular evening tour of our nation's most historic sites. In between tours, youth participate in a leadership and citizenship conference held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center. For more information on CWF, view the CWF Website: <http://www.4hcenter.org/youth-conference-center-overview/educational-programs/citizenship-washington-focus/about/>

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The St. Charles Parish 4-H Foundation will cover a majority of the cost for the CWF conference. Members will travel by airplane to the conference and by taxi, bus, or metro throughout the conference. The cost for members selected to attend CWF will be the \$100 deposit to pay for meals. Members will be financially responsible for any souvenirs or optional museums associated with fees on the trip. The deposit is required by all selected participants and is nonrefundable.

To be selected as a St. Charles Parish 4-H Citizenship Ambassador, you must meet the following requirements:

- Must be an enrolled St. Charles Parish 4-H member in good standing
- Must currently be a 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade student
- Complete the application with all required signatures
- Submit the application to the St. Charles Parish 4-H Office by the specified deadline (The application should be typed and signed by member and parent/guardian.)
- Submit the deposit to the St. Charles Parish 4-H Office by the specified deadline

**Important Note:** Please make sure that you can attend if you are selected. If you are selected and decide not to attend, then you will forfeit your deposit.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss a payment plan if selected, please feel free to contact Kali Zammit, 4-H Agent, at 985-785-4473 or [kzammit@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:kzammit@agcenter.lsu.edu).

Sincerely,

Kali B. Zammit  
Extension Agent  
4-H Youth Development  
St. Charles Parish



## St. Charles 4-H Citizenship Ambassador Application

Due Friday, October 19, 2018

**Fee:** \$100 deposit required at a later date for selected participants

**Deadline:** Must be received no later than October 19, 2018 at the St. Charles 4-H Office;

**Mailing Address:** P. O. Box 1766, Luling, LA, 70070; **Physical Address:** 1313 Paul Maillard Rd., Ste. E in Luling

Name (as it appears on your government issued ID): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (M/D/YEAR): \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Polo shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ BOY or GIRL (Circle one)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Route, Box, Street No., etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip)

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please complete the sections below accurately and to the best of your ability. Ambassadors will be selected based on the following: (50% application, 25% essay questions, 25% leadership experience in 4-H, which includes parish 4-H participation)**

1. Number of years as a 4-H club member, including this year \_\_\_\_\_

2. Number of years as a 4-H Jr. Leader club member, including this year \_\_\_\_\_

3. List the offices held in local 4-H club and the year you held each office

OFFICE	SCHOOL YEAR(S)
A.	
B.	
C.	
D.	
E.	

4. List project books completed and submitted to parish contest within the past 3 years

PROJECT BOOK	SCHOOL YEAR(S)
A.	
B.	
C.	
D.	

5. Number of years you participated in the following *state* events:

4-H Camp	_____	LOST Camp	_____
4-H University	_____	Jr. Leadership Conference	_____
Camp Counselor	_____	Marsh Maneuvers	_____
State Records	_____	State 4-H Board	_____

Other: (List state event and number of years) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Number of years you participated in the following *parish* events:
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|------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 4-H Fun Day (fall)                 | _____ | Parish Challenge Camp       | _____ |
| 4-H Project Day (winter)           | _____ | Educational Awards Trip     | _____ |
| 4-H Contest Day (spring)           | _____ | Project Book Contest        | _____ |
| 4-H Achievement Day (late spring)  | _____ | Jr. Leader Awards Trip      | _____ |
| 4-H Wetlands Weekend (fall)        | _____ | 4-H Day of Service (winter) | _____ |
| 4-H Color Me Healthy Fair (spring) | _____ |                             |       |

7. List your top 5 awards received in the 4-H club program:
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| AWARD RECEIVED | SCHOOL YEAR(S) |
|----------------|----------------|

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.

8. List your top 5 service projects in which you participated through the 4-H club program:
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| SERVICE PROJECT | SCHOOL YEAR(S) |
|-----------------|----------------|

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.

**In an essay form, respond to the following:** (Your answers should be 50-150 words in length.)

9. Why should you be selected as a 4-H Citizenship Ambassador? Include your qualifications in the answer.
10. Planning and implementing a parish-wide service-learning project will be part of your job responsibility as a 4-H Citizenship Ambassador. Think about the St. Charles Parish community. What need in the community would you like to address? What are your thoughts on how to address this issue?

**AGREEMENT STATEMENT**

By signing this document, I understand and agree to the following:

- I have personally prepared this report and believe it to be correct.
- If I am selected as a St. Charles Parish 4-H Citizenship Ambassador, I am committing to the following:
  - To attend Citizenship Washington Focus on **June 28-July 6, 2019**
  - To pay the nonrefundable deposit of \$100 by the specified date
  - To plan and implement a parish-wide service-learning project during the 2019-2020 school year
  - To present your experience in a presentation format to a local governing body during the 2019-2020 school year
  - To follow the Louisiana 4-H Code of Conduct and any other rules set forth by the 4-H program

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of 4-H Club Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By signing this document, I agree that I have reviewed this report and believe it to be correct. I also understand and support my child’s responsibilities if he or she is selected to be a St. Charles Parish 4-H Citizenship Ambassador. My child also has my permission to participate in the Citizenship Washington Focus conference and activities associated with being a St. Charles Parish 4-H Citizenship Ambassador.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date