



Socorro County 4-H Council Member Guidelines

A 4-H County Council Member is a self-motivated, enthusiastic leader who promotes 4-H using skill, knowledge and leadership abilities acquired in 4-H with 4-H members, area residents, community leaders, elected officials and other youth. A 4-H Council Member serves as a role model and mentor to younger 4-H members through interactions at activities/events and sets an example. A 4-H Council Member serves to strengthen the 4-H program through public relations.

GOALS:

1. To define the 4-H image in the minds of the general public by exposing the general public to the contemporary 4-H program.
2. To offer eligible 4-H members an opportunity to develop skills in leadership, promotion, communication and responsibility.
3. To provide a core of trained and motivated youth to assist with the county information programs.
4. To promote the 4-H program to 4-H members, leaders, interest groups, donor or support groups and the general public.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be a bonafide 4-H member (8 & in the 3rd grade, 9-19) by January 1 of the current year and in good standing.
2. Members applying for County Council President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Reporter must be a Junior or Senior age member at the time of elections. Members applying for County Council Parliamentarian or Song and Recreation Leader must be Novice, Junior, or Senior age members at the time of elections. In the event not enough junior or senior applications are received, open positions will be filled with novice applicants.
3. Must have turned in a county record book the year prior to applying unless you were a cloverbud.
4. Must complete and return application form by December 1, 2021. Applicants must attend and give a campaign speech at the election meeting in December 2021.
5. Must remain active in club and county 4-H program.
6. Must attend County 4-H Council meetings, activities and events.
7. Announcement of council officers will be announced at Awards Night and will serve a one-year term until the following Awards Night.

8. Applicant must be present at Awards Night.

GUIDELINES:

1. Up to seven officers will be selected each year. Officers will serve a one-year term. Officers may choose to reapply for multiple terms, must fill out re-application and go through election. (All offices may not be filled if there are not enough qualified applicants.)
2. An application and election process will be used for selection of the officers.
3. Officers must be willing to serve a one (1) year term beginning their official duties following the close of installation of officers at Awards Night and shall serve a 1 year term from installation to installation.
4. Activities of the County Council will be under the leadership and guidance of the agents and/or an adult advisor(s).

OPPORTUNITIES:

1. To gain leadership skills by assisting with and/or planning activities for the entire County 4-H program.
2. To speak before a variety of community groups such as 4-H clubs, civic organizations, Extension Homemaker clubs, church groups, business and professional clubs, other youth organizations, etc.
3. To share your expertise in at least one 4-H project area and give demonstrations in that project area to the public.
4. Take responsibility for community events and displays such as mall promotions and displays.
5. Be prepared to make occasional appearances on radio and the local newspapers promoting 4-H.
6. Keep records of all assignments including dates, locations, type of assignment, planning and participation time and a description of the event.
7. To take an active role in planning and implementing a county-wide activity.
8. To serve as a role model to younger 4-H members in the county.
9. Present to the Board of Socorro County Commissioners on behalf of Socorro County 4-H.
10. Attend the 4-H Day at the Roundhouse.



Socorro County 4-H Council Officer Application

Instructions: Submit application on or before **Wednesday, December 1st, 2021** to the Socorro County Extension Office. Officers applying for a consecutive term will need to fill out the reapplication form and go through elections.

General Information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____
City Zip

Telephone Number: () _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

4-H Club: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Current Grade in School: _____ School: _____

Email address (if applicable): _____

Cell phone (if applicable): _____

Did you submit a county 4-H record book for the past year? _____

Have you attended council (ambassador) meetings this past year? If yes, indicate which months.

__Jan __Feb __March __April __May __June __July __Aug __Sept __Oct __Nov __Dec

___ First time applicant (please fill out pages 3, 4, 5 & 6) ___ Re-application (please fill out pages 3, 6, 7, & 8)

I. Qualifications

A. List what you consider your top project areas and some of your experiences related to those projects. (Do not include leadership experiences in this section.)

II. Leadership

A. Summarize any 4-H club leadership activities and involvement. Include officer positions held, committees served, etc.

B. List your leadership involvement in the county and/or state level.

C. List and briefly describe any other work you have done outside of 4-H. For example, list things you have done for school, church, youth group, or other civic or community responsibilities.

III. Other Information

A. What do you think are several important things that a new 4-H Council Officer could do to make Socorro County 4-H even better?

B. Describe what you see as the role of a 4-H Council Officer, and then explain why you should be considered for the Socorro County 4-H Council.

C. What county activities have you assisted with and what was your role?

Statement of 4-H Member:

I understand that this position carries certain responsibilities and I am willing to accept the responsibilities outlined for Council Officer if selected.

I have personally prepared this report and believe it to be true.

Member Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Statement of Parent/Guardian:

I/We understand and approve of the purpose and objective of the Socorro County 4-H County Council and give my/our approval of my/our child to take part in this program for a full year. I/We understand that our support is important for the successful participation of my/our son/daughter in this educational opportunity.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



Socorro County 4-H Council Re-Application

Please describe what you gained from your ambassador experience this past year.

What would you describe as some of your greatest strengths in serving as an ambassador this past year?

What do you feel may have been some of your weaknesses as you served as an ambassador this past year?

What ambassador activity or activities were most rewarding for you this past year?

What do you feel was the most challenging part of being an ambassador this past year?

What are activity(ies) that you would like to see continued in the Socorro County 4-H program?

What ideas do you have that could be implemented in Socorro County 4-H program as we continue to “Make the Best Better”?

Why do you want to serve as a County Council Officer in the coming year?