



Jackson County Farm Bureau®

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Ag Ambassador Program Program Guidelines

Program Overview:

The Ag Ambassador program is open to students who will be seniors in the fall, attending a **Jackson** County High School or who live in **Jackson** County, who are interested in agriculture. Each ambassador will serve a 10-month term starting in October and ending the following July 31st. The number of ambassadors selected will be determined based upon the applications received.

Purpose:

1. Provide leadership opportunity.
2. Learn about Farm Bureau and how it works from the grassroots up, with emphasis on the resolution and legislative process and advocacy for agriculture, including education.
3. Develop students to be spokespersons for agriculture.

Expectations:

1. Attend at least 50% of the monthly meetings of the Jackson County Farm Bureau Association Board of Directors held on the 1st Monday of each month (some exceptions, such as September and December).
2. Attend at least 50% of the activities of the Jackson County Farm Bureau Association, including but not limited to: county, district, state and national meetings held in the immediate area; Ag & Water Festival, Kiddie Pedal Pull, and service activities, any classroom educational activities, farm tours, legislative coffees, consumer outreach activities, member appreciation, membership drive, or member outreach activities.
3. Attend at least one of these three state events:
 - a. Kansas Farm Bureau Annual Delegation Meeting (held in December)
 - b. Day at the Statehouse (held in January or February)
 - c. Kansas Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) Annual Conference (held in January or February)
 - If the YF&R Conference is selected, your hotel room will be provided.
4. Attend and participate in ag education in the classroom (Presenting educational programs to elementary grade students or fellow high school students providing education relating to agriculture) as developed by the Jackson County Farm Bureau Association or developed by myself with the approval of the Jackson County Farm Bureau Association.
5. **Develop my own educational program(s)** for presentation in the classrooms of my peers or in elementary or middle school grade levels and make the presentation, including arrangements with my instructors for release from class to do so and arrangements with the teachers/administrators of the class to whom I will be presenting.
6. Ambassadors are asked to help maintain and enhance the Ag Ambassador Program which will be reviewed annually.
7. Ag Ambassadors are encouraged to join the Farm Bureau Collegiate Chapter their freshman year in college, if offered.
8. Should an Ambassador fail to attend the required county meetings, the county activities, or the mandatory state event, the Board of Directors retains the right to terminate the Ambassador's position and no scholarship funds will be awarded.
9. Ag Ambassadors are expected to respond in a timely manner to emails, phone calls, and text messages.

Incentives:

1. Jackson County Farm Bureau may provide a Farm Bureau shirt for each Ag Ambassador.
2. Ambassadors may have the opportunity to meet state leaders in agriculture, government, journalism, etc.
3. Scholarships may be provided up to \$1,000 to Ag Ambassadors **completing** the program requirements and planning to attend higher education, including vocational training.
4. Ag Ambassadors **may** have the opportunity to attend local Farm Bureau Functions, including overnight, upon approval of parents, and with hotel expense sponsorship from Farm Bureau, upon approval of the Board of Directors

Qualifications:

- Ag Ambassador must be entering his or her senior year in high school
- Ag Ambassador or parents/legal guardians are not required to be Jackson County Farm Bureau members but preference may be given to members in the selection process.
- Ag Ambassador must attend school in **Jackson** County or be a resident of **Jackson** County
- Ag Ambassador must be a student in good standing
- Ag Ambassador must be and remain in good standing within the community

Application Due:

Completed Ag Ambassador Program applications must be submitted to:

Jackson County Farm Bureau
P. O. Box 1005
521 Arizona Street, Holton, KS 66436

or

emailed to jacksonfb@kfb.org

by

September 16, 2024 to be eligible.

Those accepted to the program will be notified by October 15, 2024.



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