June 8, 2017

Dear 4-H/FFA Member:

Congratulations! You are eligible to participate in the 2017 Junior/Senior Goat Ambassador competition. Serving as a Goat Ambassador for Champaign County is a great opportunity to meet new people and have fun learning and representing the goat industry. **Deadline for applications is July 3, 2017.**

Candidates must submit the enclosed application, along with a current photo and an essay (minimum 250 words) explaining: “Why do you want to serve in the role of Champaign County Junior/Senior Goat Ambassador?” *and* “Why would you make a good Ambassador for our goat program?”

**Junior Ambassador applicants must be 12-14 years old, as of January 1st** and **Senior Ambassador applicants must be 15 & up, as of January 1st.** Interviews will be held July 13th from 5-7 p.m. in the Champaign County Community Center auditorium.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of judges. The ambassador results will be announced Saturday, August 5th, prior to the Open Class Goat Show.

This is a very good experience, and I urge each of you to enter this contest.

Enclosed is the application to be completed and returned to:

OSU Extension, Champaign County  
1512 S US Hwy 68-Suite B100  
Urbana, OH 43078

Participation is optional. Members in their first year of a goat project are not eligible.  
Late entries will not be accepted.  
Any questions, call Patty Austin 937/465-7306 or Elizabeth Powell 937/362-3318.

Sincerely,

Melinda Morrison  
4-H Extension Educator
Guidelines for 2017 Junior/Senior Goat Ambassador Competition

☑ Both males and females are eligible to apply for Champaign County Junior/Senior Goat Ambassador.

☑ Junior Goat Ambassador – current 4-H member age 12-14 as of January 1, 2017
   Senior Goat Ambassador – current 4-H or FFA member age 15-18 as of January 1, 2017

☑ Candidates must have completed as least one previous year carrying a goat project and must be currently carrying a goat project in 2017.

☑ Candidates must be able to serve in this capacity for one year of service officially starting August 5, 2017.

☑ Applicants must achieve a minimum score of 125 points to be awarded the Champaign County Junior/Senior Goat Ambassador title.

☑ Previous Junior Goat Ambassadors MAY apply for Senior Goat Ambassador when age criteria is met. Previous Goat Ambassadors MAY re-apply; however, new applicants will be given preference. Example: If applicant A is a previous Goat Ambassador and applicant B is a new applicant, applicant B will be awarded the Goat Ambassador title, providing applicant B meets the minimum required score.

☑ Female ambassadors will receive a tiara and sash. Male ambassadors will receive a hat and polo shirt. These items are to be worn whenever performing official duties as ambassador.

☑ It is to be the complete desire of the 4-H/FFA member to participate in this position.

☑ Applicants must have complete support from family members to pursue this position and fulfill the required duties.

☑ Applicants are responsible for completing the application and submitting it by July 3, 2017.

☑ Ambassadors are to present a polite, positive, sportsmanlike, and encouraging attitude at all times.

☑ Ambassadors must be available to distribute awards at the Open Class and Junior Goat Shows at the Champaign County Fair AND must be free to attend and participate in events during the year of their reign including, but not limited to, open class goat shows, sales, parades, and clinic activities.

☑ Ambassadors are in no way inhibited from competing at the Champaign County Fair and will be excused from official duties, with prior authorization, to show their animals and/or assist another exhibitor in showing their animal, if needed.

Judging Criteria
(150 possible points)

50 points – application
50 points – essay
50 points – interview
Champaign County Junior/Senior Goat Ambassador Application

(please print legibly)

Name _____________________________________________
(first) (middle) (last)

Address ____________________________________________
(street) (city) (zip code)

Phone ___________________________ 4-H/FFA Age (as of 1/1/2017) _____ Birth Date _________

Circle one: Male Female Completed 4-H/FFA Year ______ # Years in Goat Project ________

School __________________________ Grade ____________

4-H Club or FFA Chapter Name ___________________________________________________

School Activities:
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________
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Citizenship/Community Service Involvement:
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Leadership Participation in Your Organization (offices, committees, etc.):
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4-H/FFA Goat Project(s) Completed (include year):
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Goat Industry Involvement:
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(additional pages may be added to this application as needed)
Attach an essay (minimum 250 words) exploring:

“Why do you want to serve in the role of Champaign County Junior/Senior Goat Ambassador?”

and

“Why would you make a good Ambassador for our goat program?”

Judging Criteria
(150 possible points)

50 points – application
☑ level of completion
☑ extent of applicant involvement

50 points – essay
☑ typed in Times New Roman size 12 font
☑ proper grammar
☑ completion of topic question

50 points – interview
☑ personality and neatness
☑ knowledge of goat industry
☑ oral questions and answers with the judges
☑ presentation and poise

In the event that I am selected as Junior Goat Ambassador or Senior Goat Ambassador, I will accept the privileges and responsibilities of positively representing the Champaign County 4-H/FFA programs.

Applicant’s Signature ____________________________ Date ______________

I am in full support of my child’s participation in this contest and am willing to provide the necessary support for my child to fulfill the obligations of the position should he/she be chosen as the Junior/Senior Goat Ambassador for Champaign County.

Parent/Guardian Signature ____________________________ Date ______________

Return Completed Signed Application, Essay, and Current Photo to:

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