May 10, 2017

Dear 4-H Horse Member:

You are eligible to enter the 4-H Horse Ambassador Contest. The rules are as follows:

A. Open to girls and boys who are currently carrying a horse project and will be **age 14 or older as of January 1, 2017, and having completed 2 prior years of horse showing**

B. Points will be from 4 areas, out of a possible 350 points, the person with the most points from all the categories will be the winner. They are:

1. **100 points-Essay**: In 250 words or less, explain “Why do you want to serve the role of Horse Ambassador” and “What would make you a good Ambassador for our horse program?” The essay must be submitted with your application by June 22nd. Essays should be typed in 12 font-Times New Roman. Essays will be judged on proper grammar and completion of topic questions. DO NOT make any reference to your name, club, or personal information in your essay. They will be reviewed and scored by a panel of judges with no names attached.

2. **100 points-Written Test**: A written test will be administered on July 13th after your personal interview time with the out-of-county judges. This is the only time that tests and interviews will be conducted.

3. **125 points-Interview**: Interviews will begin at 6 pm on July 13th. After application deadline, participants will be contacted by the head of the Horse Ambassador Committee (Amy Fairchild) and assigned a 10-minute interview slot. Participants will be notified by July 1st of their interview time. Interviews will be held at the Champaign Co. Community Center Auditorium. Interviews will include questions on project animal, current events, and horse knowledge. Contestants must wear their choice of show clothes to the interview.
4. 25 points-Showmanship: A special showmanship class will be held at the PAS Show on June 24th beginning at 8:30 am sharp. A simple pattern will be used, using the PAS scoring system. Maneuvers will include: walk, trot, 360-degree pivot, backing, and inspections w/quads. Be sure to practice these at home.

C. Horse used for showmanship tests **must be current project horse**.
D. Participants must not be or ever have been married.
E. Ambassador winner cannot participate in any future Ambassador contests.
F. Ambassador must be willing and available to present ribbons/trophies during the 4-H classes and open horse shows at the 2017 Champaign County Fair, plus announce on occasion throughout the 2017 fair horse shows. There will be numerous opportunities to ride in local parades throughout the year and to participate in events representing the horse industry and 4-H.
G. A 4-H Horse Ambassador and Reserve will be chosen.
H. Chosen Ambassador and Reserve Ambassador will wear modest, appropriate attire while wearing sash and tiara – no short shorts/skirts, halter tops, etc.

The 2017 Champaign County Horse Ambassador and Reserve will be announced during the Opening Ceremonies for the 4-H Jr. Fair on Friday, August 4th following the 2016 Ambassador and Reserve’s final ride through the Arena.

Enclosed is the application to be completed and returned to:

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

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 22, 2017** to be eligible to participate.

Sincerely,

Melinda Morrison
Extension Educator,
4-H Youth Development

Horse Ambassador
2017 Horse Ambassador Application

Name ____________________________________________________________

Parent’s Name(s) ____________________________________________________

Address ___________________________________________________________

Phone (home)____________________________ (cell)______________________ text? ________________________

School ______________________________ Age as of 1/1/17____________________

Project Animal(s) ________________________________

Number of Years in 4-H_______________________ Shirt Size____________________

4-H Club________________________________________________________

e-mail________________________________________________________

facebook________________________________________________________

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Contestant # ____________
How have you been involved in 4-H?

Have you had any leadership experiences? (Include titles, roles, and duties)

List any community services activities in which you have been involved? What was your role and what did you do?

List 4-H, Church, and School Activities:

****Please list one person as a reference for your character and commitment to our 4-H horse program specifically.

Name__________________________________________ Phone Number ____________

I have discussed the responsibility of this leadership role with my parents and am prepared to fulfill the commitments if chosen as Horse Ambassador or Reserve.

Applicant signature__________________________________________________________

Parent signature_____________________________________________________________