# 2021 Fairfield County New Volunteer Packet

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All applications are due by <u>February 1</u> of the current year to be considered







# Welcome Prospective Volunteer!

Please review this packet of information as you submit your application to be a 4-H volunteer in Fairfield County.



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Dear Potential Ohio 4-H Volunteer.

Let us take this opportunity to thank you for expressing an interest in becoming an Ohio State University Extension volunteer. Each year, thousands of volunteers contribute their time, energies, and talents that enable Ohio State University Extension to engage people in educational programs that meet their immediate needs.

All individuals who are interested in volunteering with Ohio State University Extension and working with a member of a vulnerable population (minors, elderly over age 65, or individuals with disabilities) must complete a selection process under the direction of an Extension professional.

To more efficiently and effectively support our service recipients, Ohio State University Extension has a policy concerning the selection of individuals who desire to volunteer for the organization in a long-term and/or higher risk position. While the actual order of implementation may vary from county to county, all potential volunteers will: (1) receive a position description; (2) complete an application and return to Extension office; (3) have references collected by Extension professionals; (4) complete an interview; (5) submit to a criminal history fingerprint record check; (6) agree to and sign the volunteer standards of behavior form; and (7) participate in an orientation/training program.

Please know that all information related to the selection process may be updated periodically and will be kept in a secured file cabinet. This information will be kept on file for a minimum of three years following the receipt of your materials or the completion of your involvement as an Ohio State University Extension volunteer (whichever is longest). The release of information will follow The Ohio State University and Ohio State University Extension operating procedures and will be in accordance with Ohio law.

Working with individuals in your community can bring you immense satisfaction as you help them grow, learn, develop, and succeed. Additionally, volunteering provides you an opportunity to gain new skills, help others, and meet new friends. We hope that you recognize the tremendous benefits of volunteering and will join us in helping ensure that everyone involved has a positive, educational experience.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to potentially working with you.

Sincerely yours,

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# Steps to Become a 4-H Volunteer



By Leslie S. Cooksey, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, Fairfield County

- 1) Review position description: Read through the position descriptions that follow this page. They outline the expectations and responsibilities of your volunteer position as a club advisor or as a Cloverbud Advisor. If you find that you are interested such a position, move to the next step. If you find that the position outlined is not a good fit for you, contact your Extension Professional to discuss other volunteer position options.
- **2) Complete the OSU Extension Volunteer Application:** Complete the attached application and return it to: 4-H Volunteer Process, OSU Extension—Fairfield County, 831 College Ave, Suite D, Lancaster, Ohio 43130 by February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **3) Provide references:** On the application you will be asked to provide three references. You will want to contact those references and inform them that we will be contacting them for a reference. Please ask them to provide this information for us in a timely manner when requested. This step is one that causes the largest slow-down in the volunteer screening process and can delay your work with youth.
- **4) Complete a criminal history fingerprint record check:** All new volunteers must successfully pass this fingerprint record check. Please find the attached form on how to obtain this record check. Additionally, please complete this step in the process immediately after submitting your OSU Extension Volunteer Application.
- **5) Complete an interview:** All new volunteers must schedule a time to meet with an Extension Educator for an interview. In Fairfield County, these interviews will only be conducted after all references have been returned and your background check results have cleared. The office will call or email you to set up a time for your interview.
- **6) Agree to and sign the OSU Volunteer Standards of Behavior:**This form is attached and should be submitted with your application. This form clearly outlines the standards of behavior to be followed when serving the Ohio 4-H Program.
- **7) Attend a New Volunteer Orientation Session:** All new volunteers are required to complete a New Volunteer Orientation. Scheduled dates for this orientation will be sent to you by email after receiving your application. Depending on your volunteer position, the Extension Professional and you may discuss an alternative orientation process. It is recommended that all volunteers attend at least one volunteer education opportunity each year.
- **8) Welcome Aboard:** Once you have successfully completed these steps you can expect to receive a letter of invitation from your Extension Professional. Your volunteer appointment with OSU Extension and the Ohio 4-H Program will be reviewed each term or year.

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# Volunteer Position Description 4-H Youth Development Ohio State University Extension

### **Position Title:**

4-H Club Volunteer (Project and Activity)

### Time Required:

On-going and dependent on county needs, normally includes one hour of program planning per hour of club activity.

# **General Purpose:**

Support and work in partnership with 4-H professionals, extension staff, volunteers and members in conducting meaningful educational experiences and developing youth members' life skills to reach their fullest potential.

### Specific Responsibilities:

- Provide a variety of project related learning experiences:
  - · Coordinate and conduct educational activities related to projects
  - Monitor progress towards project completion
  - Prepare members for judging, skillathon, and exhibition
  - Inform members of project requirements and deadlines
  - Provide constructive feedback to members, parents, and families
- Advise members and families in coordinating/conducting club activities, including:
  - Club meetings, community service, fund-raising, club trips & tours, learning activities, recognition events and leadership activities
- Promote 4-H opportunities in your club and local community, including:
  - Encourage family and member participation
  - Inform members of county 4-H events & activities
  - · Recruit new members and retain current members
- Actively participate as a volunteer:
  - Follow all OSU Extension and 4-H Youth Development policies and procedures
  - Attend club meetings and activities
  - Read and review all forms of communication to keep members, parents and other volunteers informed
  - Participate in volunteer development opportunities to enhance leadership skills

## **Qualifications & Expectations:**

- Ability, interest, and willingness to:
  - Work with volunteers and 4-H professionals to teach and motivate youth while nurturing positive self-esteem, decision making, responsibility, and leadership
  - Be dedicated to youth and sensitive to their abilities and needs
  - Effectively organize and communicate with the other club volunteers
  - Work with minimal supervision from professional staff
  - Become familiar with and work within the philosophy and guidelines of OSU Extension, Ohio 4-H Program and the county 4-H program

# Ohio State University Extension Will:

- Provide training opportunities to assist volunteers to meet needs of members and families
- Provide access to educational materials and resources
- Have professional staff available to consult with and listen to volunteers
- Provide recognition to volunteers

# Mentor/Supervising Professionals:

- County Extension 4-H Youth Development Professional(s)
- 4-H Club Organizational Volunteer



Ohio 4-H ohio4h.org



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# Cloverbud Volunteer Position Description

The importance of this position description is two-fold: 1) your role as a 4-H Cloverbud volunteer is essential for the 4-H Cloverbud program and the responsibilities for 4-H Cloverbud volunteers should be clearly described and understood, and 2) to meet the OSU Extension Volunteer Selection Policy and Procedure requirements, all 4-H volunteers must have a written position description.

# Position Title

4-H Cloverbud Volunteer Ohio 4-H County Program Ohio State University Extension

# Responsibilities

- Willingness to become familiar with and work within the philosophy and guidelines of Ohio State University Extension, Ohio 4-H Program, and county 4-H program.
- Provide an emotionally and physically safe environment.
- Serve as a liaison between the county Extension office/staff and 4-H Cloverbud members, their parents/guardians, and those working with you.
- Support 4-H professionals and members in conducting meaningful educational experiences to help young people grow and reach their fullest potential.
- Inform and encourage members, parents, and other volunteers to actively participate in appropriate 4-H opportunities.
- Give support and recognition to members.
- Understand the importance of being a positive role model.
- Have fun.
- Let the 4-H Cloverbud children know you care.
- Be committed to young people and their growth in all areas.
- Utilize the Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Curriculum Instructional materials or other approved activities while working with 4-H Cloverbud children.
- Be aware of available learning experiences and help the club members select appropriate activities.
- Maintain open communications with other club volunteers.
- Be dedicated to young people and sensitive to their needs.
- Follow the guidelines and policies of Ohio State University Extension, Ohio 4-H Program, and county 4-H program.
- Attend 4-H Cloverbud events, meetings, and activities.





- Read 4-H newsletters and literature from the Extension office and their web site and keep members, parents, and others informed.
- Participate in appropriate volunteer development opportunities.

# Qualifications

- Been approved through the OSU Extension Volunteer Selection Policy and OSU Policy
   1.50 (includes a background check).
- A sincere interest in working with 4-H members.
- An interest in learning the characteristics of 4-H Cloverbud-aged children.
- The ability to teach and motivate youth while nurturing positive self-esteem, decision-making, responsibility, and other important life skills.
- The ability to work with minimal supervision from 4-H professional staff.

# Ohio State University Extension will . . .

- Provide training opportunities that help the volunteer meet the needs of members, volunteers, and parent/guardians.
- Provide appropriate manuals, pamphlets, newsletters, and other resource materials.
- Have professionals available to consult with volunteers on a one-to-one basis.
- Provide appropriate recognition and awards to volunteers.
- Give leadership for recruitment of members.



# **Fingerprinting Instructions**

as of 1//2020

# For Individuals Who Haven't Been Fingerprinted in the Previous 12 Months:

- 1) The simplest method of complying with the fingerprint requirement is to utilize the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department internet check system. To do this:
  - a. Call the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office to schedule an appointment at 740-652-7321 or 740-652-7320.
  - b. Visit the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office at 345 Lincoln Avenue in Lancaster (entering the larger doors on the left) from 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. (M-F) please arrive by 3:45 p.m.
  - c. Take along your current, valid driver's license and social security card. You must have your actual social security card (no copies).
  - d. Request a BCI Check. The cost to you will be \$35.00 and checks should be made payable to: Fairfield County Sheriff's Office. Cash is also accepted.
  - e. Request that the results been sent to the address at the bottom of this page.
- 2) If you are completing a web-based check at a different agency, you will need to check with them to obtain hours of availability and costs. Please be sure that the results are sent to the address listed below. The address below can only receive results from BCI.
- Please fill out the form enclosed and take it with you to the office (the local sheriff's office. Other offices may have their own form) that you have your fingerprints processed.

# For Individuals Who Have Been Fingerprinted in the Previous 12 Months:

- 1) If you have completed an Ohio BCI fingerprint background check within the past twelve months for a reason related to working with children, working with the elderly, or certain types of licensure, you can ask BCI to send a copy of that report directly to the address below.
- 2) This BCI request form can be found at <a href="https://go.osu.edu/bcireportrequest">https://go.osu.edu/bcireportrequest</a>
- 3) Please follow the instructions on the form and send the request form directly to BCI.
- 4) On the request form, indicate the copy report should be mailed to address below.
- 5) Please note: If you are not sure if you can request a copy of a past report, contact the BCI Civilian Identification Department toll free at 877-224-0043.

# PLEASE SEND ALL RESULTS TO:

Background Checks – Fairfield County 4-H
OSU Office of Human Resources
1590 N. High St., Suite 300
Columbus, OH 43201

You must provide valid **Drivers License** (or Government issued photo ID) for Identification and Social Security Card for Verification to be fingerprinted Webcheck# Log# Request for a Background Check via Electronic Fingerprinting BCI/State \$35 FBI/Federal \$35 BCI and FBI/State and Federal \$55 Personal Information (please PRINT) Type of Photo ID#\_\_\_\_\_ State/Province\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth SSN Zip/Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # Email Address Complete this portion only if an FBI background check is needed: Weight Sex Race r Height Eyes Hair Reason for Background Check: 2151.86 ORC Direct Copy to (circle only one): Name and Address of organization **BMV** Dealer Licensing Ohio Board of Nursing Ohio for results to be mailed to: **BMV** Deputy Registrar Department of Education Attention: Background Checks -Childcare Ctr/Type A ODJFS Ohio Department of Liquor Control Fairfield County 4-H Dietetic Board Ohio Department of Public Safety OSU Office of Human Resources **Lottery Commission Ohio** Department of Insurance 1590 N High St., Suite 300 OPOTA Ohio **Racing Commission** Columbus, OH 43201 **Respirator Care Board** None I certify that the personal Identifiers provided on this form are accurate and I voluntarily and knowingly authorize the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation to conduct records check for the information relating to me. I also voluntarily and knowingly authorize BCI&I to disseminate, criminal arrest, conviction and juvenile delinquency adjudication records to The Ohio State University. I voluntarily and knowingly release and discharge the Ohio Attorney General's Office, BCI&I and their employees from all claims and liability related to this authorized criminal record review and dissemination. Applicant's Name (please print) Witness Name (please print) Applicant's Signature Date Witness Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature (Minor Applicants only) responsibility of the applicant.

Parent/Guardian' Printed name

By signing this form the applicant acknowledges

that all information on this form is accurate. Any

mistakes or errors on this form are the



# **Ohio 4-H Volunteer Application**

I. GENERAL I	NFORMATI	ON						
Email:								
Full Name:					Preferred Name:			
Date of Birth (M	IM/DD/YY): _			<del></del>				
Mailing Addres	s:							
City/State/Zip:_								
County of Resid	dence:							
Primary Phone:	Primary Phone: Secondary Phone:							
Length of time	at this addre	ess (yea	rs):					
Please circle ti	he appropri	ate resp	onse ir	n each line				
Gender	Male	Female	e	Gender Identity Not Listed	Prefer not to state			
Residence	Farm	Town/Rural (<10,000)		Town/City (10,000-50,000)	Suburb (< 50,000)	City (> 50,000)		
Ethnicity:	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic		Prefer not to state				
Race:	White	Black/African American		American Indian Alaskan Native	Hawaiian Pacific Islander	Balance (other combinations)		
					Asian	Prefer not to state		
II. EMERGEN	CY CONTA	СТ						
Full Name:				Relation	nship to Member:			
Contact Phone:	:			Contact	t Email:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
III. VOLUNTE	ER TYPE							
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Please circle the appropriate response  Program Volunteer (committee)  Please List Com				List Committee:				
Camp Volunteer Circle Role				Role: Adult Volunteer or	le: Adult Volunteer or Camp Nurse			
Club Volunteer			Cloverbud Leader		Project Leader -	Project Leader - teaching specific project skill		
- Circle specific role to the right			Organizational Club Leader		Resource Volunt	Resource Volunteer - coordinates club activities		
Project Volunteer County project I				/ project leader – shooti	leader – shooting sports or other specialized projects			
List the 4-H Club you wish to apply to serve with.								
4-H Club Name:								
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V. OTHER INFORMATION	ON						
Military Service: — — —	My Parent se	y family is erves My S	tary currently serving Sibling serves es I/my spouse/p				
Branch of Service (circle)	Air Force	Army	Coast Guard	Marines	Navy	DOD Civilian	Not applicable
Branch Component (circle)	Active	Guard	Reserves	Not applicable			
Health Considerations/N							d, etc)
Are You a 4-H Alumni: _	YES	NO \$	State and Count	y:			<del></del>
Why are you interested i	n volunteerin	ng for the	Ohio State Univ	ersity Extension	4-H Prog	ıram?	
V. ABOUT YOU  Job Title:				oyer:			
Work Phone:				e first):			
Employer	Position T	itle	Years	Contact Name		Contact Pho	ne
Previous Volunteer Expe	rience (list cu	urrent or m	lost recent exper	ience first):			
Organization	Volunteer	Role	Years	Contact Name		Contact Pho	ne









VI. REFERENCES		
Reference 1		
Name:	Relationship:	
Mailing Address:	City/State/Zip:	
Email:	Phone:	
Reference 2		
Name:	Relationship:	
Mailing Address:	City/State/Zip:	
Email:	Phone:	
Reference 3		
Name:	Relationship:	
Mailing Address:	City/State/Zip:	
Email:	Phone:	
VII. PHOTO RELEASE		
Ohio State University Extension would like Youth Development events. However, in semay publish in print, electronic, or video for		sion and 4-H State University





# **CFAES**

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# VIII. SCREENING QUESTIONS

Do you currently hold a valid Driver's License?	YES	NO
Do you have current vehicle liability insurance?	YES	NO
Do you intend to use your personal vehicle for 4-H Volunteer work, including personal transportation to and from 4-H events?	YES	NO
Have you ever had a background screening prior to now?	YES	NO
Have you ever been accused or charged with an offense involving a minor?	YES	NO
Has any member of your current household ever been accused of or charged with an offense involving a minor?	YES	NO
Have you ever been accused of or charged with an offense of domestic assault?	YES	NO
Have you ever had a protective or no contact order issued against you?	YES	NO
I understand that I am required to submit for a fingerprint background screening.	YES	NO

# IX. WAIVER

# Volunteer Waiver, Release, Hold Harmless, and Indemnification Agreement

I hereby apply to participate as a volunteer in programs conducted in cooperation with Ohio State University Extension of the Ohio State University, and I acknowledge as follows: I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers in my participation in volunteer activities and my participation in said activities and use of any equipment or materials related to such activities and my participation may result in injury or illness and/or damage to my personal property. I understand other participants, accidents, forces of nature or other causes may cause these risks and I hereby accept these risks.

In consideration of such acknowledgment, I/we do hereby agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless Ohio State University Extension, The Ohio State University, its trustees, officers, agents, and employees of and from all causes, liabilities, damages, claims, or demands whatsoever on account of any injury or accident arising out of my participation as a volunteer in Ohio 4-H Youth Development program throughout the dates of my volunteer service.

I have read this release before signing below, and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release. I understand that I am free to address any specific questions regarding this release by submitting those questions prior to signing, and I agree that my failure to do so will be interpreted as a complete acceptance of the terms of this release.

Applicant Signature:	Date:
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# **VOLUNTEER STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR**

These Standards of Behavior are accepted by volunteers who commit to an Ohio State University Extension ("OSUE" or "Extension") program as a condition of their volunteer status. The Standards of Behavior shall guide volunteer's behavior during their involvement in Extension programs. Just as it is a privilege for Ohio State University to work with individuals who volunteer their time and energies to the organization, a volunteer's involvement with OSUE is a privilege and a responsibility, not a right.

OSUE provides quality educational programs accessible to all Ohio citizens. The primary purpose of this Standard of Behavior is to ensure the safety and well-being of all Extension program participants (i.e., members, their parents and families, professionals, and volunteers). Volunteers are expected to function within the guidelines of OSUE and the individual program area (4-H, Agricultural & Natural Resources, Family & Consumer Sciences, and Community Development). Extension volunteers shall act with personal integrity.

# Ohio State University Extension volunteers will:

- Uphold volunteerism as an effective way to meet the needs of youth and adults.
- Uphold each individual's right to dignity, self-development, and self-direction.
- Accept supervision and support from professional Extension staff while involved in the program.
- Accept the responsibility to represent their individual county Extension program and The Ohio State University.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner, exhibit good sportsmanship, and provide
  positive role models for all youth.
- Respect, adhere to, and enforce the rules, policies, and guidelines established by their individual county Extension program and OSUE.
- Not engage in abusive behaviors that physically or verbally threaten or harm any Extension program
  participant, including youth.
- Not possess or consume intoxicating substances including drugs or alcohol while responsible for the care, custody or control of 4-H participants.
- Not engage in any act prohibited by law.
- Comply with all civil rights laws and policies, including but not limited to OSUE equal opportunity, antidiscrimination laws, program participant policy.
- Perform duties in a responsible and timely manner as outlined in the position description.
- Immediately report any threats to the volunteer's emotional or physical well-being to the county Extension professional.
- Accept the responsibility to promote and support Extension programs in order to develop an effective county, state, and national program.
- Handle animals and operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment in a responsible manner.

## I understand and agree that as a volunteer:

- In accordance with Ohio State University policy, Self-Disclosure of Criminal Convictions Policy 4.17, Iam required to self-disclose criminal convictions within three business days of the conviction.
- I will follow Ohio State University Institutional Data Policy, which specifies requirements for protecting institutional data, including but not limited to 4-H member and volunteer personal data.
- I will uphold and support the responsible and lawful use of social media. In so doing, I will not create or post social media content that is abusive, threatening, defamatory, obscene, harassing, or creates a hostile environment.
- I will report any child abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect in accordance with university policy.
- I will not intentionally or purposefully place myself in a position alone with a member of a vulnerable population, in a one-on-one situation, including, but not limited to sleeping quarters with participants.
- I will not, under any circumstances, physically, verbally, or emotionally abuse or fail to provide the basic necessities of care, such as food or shelter to participants.
- I will endeavor to provide a safe and healthy program/camp experience for all participants.
- My volunteer status is subject to immediate suspension or termination based on any act or omission that
  Extension determines to be contrary to any portion of these standards or otherwise in conflict with the goals of
  OSUE.

I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by the VOLUNTEER STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR outlined above.

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Volunteer Signature:

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Date: