



## **Oregon FFA Foundation Ambassador FAQ**

### **What is an FFA Foundation Ambassador?**

An Oregon FFA Foundation Ambassador will represent the Oregon FFA Foundation to the Agricultural Industry. Ambassadors will attend trade shows, corporate events, participate in business and industry tours, and occasionally speak at various functions within the Oregon agriculture industry. They will also serve as support to the Foundation at the annual State FFA Convention.

### **What are the qualifications for an Ambassador?**

To qualify one must be a current or past FFA member in good standing with their local chapter and the state FFA Association. They must have graduated high school by the time the term begins in June. They must demonstrate scholastic achievement, have earned their state FFA degree, and been in FFA for at least 3 years. Their application must include a letter of recommendation from a chapter FFA advisor, a cover letter, and a resume. In addition, they must be able to demonstrate good communication skills, professionalism, and have attended at least one Oregon FFA State Convention.

Interviews will begin with CDE Days at OSU in May and will continue until positions are filled. To be interviewed during CDE Days applications must be received by April 29<sup>th</sup>. Applications and additional documentation may be mailed to PO Box 1165, Canby, OR 97013 or emailed to [ctowery@oregonffa.com](mailto:ctowery@oregonffa.com).

### **What is the time commitment?**

We want candidates to be aware of the commitment being made when accepting a position as a Foundation Ambassador. Candidates will need flexibility in their schedules to participate in and travel to various events. A candidate should anticipate approximately 1-2 appearances in a month during the school year. They also will need to be available at times during state fair, all of the Oregon FFA State Convention in March, and a few other days during the summer for trainings. Most of the time will be during week days but there may be occasional weekend events.

### **Are their internships or scholarships available for being an Ambassador?**

An ambassador is a volunteer leadership position and will be awarded a scholarship at the end of the term of service. The scholarship amount may vary depending on the number and type of events and the leadership demonstrated by the member.

### **Will it conflict with my studies in college or other jobs I may have?**

A Foundation ambassador does need to have flexibility within their schedule so they can be available for various events. They should be organized and communicate well regarding schedule conflicts and travel plans. The Foundation will work with the ambassadors to find events that are most suitable both in distance and dates as to minimize class/work conflicts.

### **How many ambassadors are there?**

There may be 4-6 ambassadors chosen to serve. A term as an ambassador will go from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020.

### **Is there a cost to be an ambassador?**

The Foundation will reimburse transportation, meals, and lodging for approved events.

### **Where can I find the ambassador application?**

Visit the Oregon FFA website at: [oregonffa.com/foundation-ambassadors/](http://oregonffa.com/foundation-ambassadors/)

For questions not listed please contact Christa Towery at [ctowery@oregonffa.com](mailto:ctowery@oregonffa.com) or 541-905-3295.