



Dutchess County Sheep & Wool Grower's Wool Ambassador

Each year, the DCSWGA designates a Wool Ambassador. The primary purpose of this position is to represent the DCSWGA on our regional community, promoting sheep and wool.

If interested in applying for this position, please fill out the attached application. Please make sure that you ask your parent(s) or guardian(s) to read with you the responsibilities of the Wool Ambassador, along with the responsibilities of the DCSWGA in regard to assisting the Wool Ambassador.

Applications are to be postmarked no later than August 8th. Please mail to:

Wool Ambassador Committee
PO Box 415
Red Hook, NY 12571

A short, friendly interview will be scheduled during the week of August 16th. The winners will be announced _____

The Ambassador program is open to applicants ages 14 to 18 years of age.

A runner up will be selected to act as an alternate if Wool Ambassador is unable to attend an event.

Wool Ambassador Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Age: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

On a separate piece of paper, write a short essay sharing with us your experience with sheep, specifying area of experience (ie: meat, wool etc.) and any projects/events you have been part of with 4h/sheep. Please include why you would like to become Wool Ambassador, along with any ideas you may have on how you would like to represent DCSWGA, and how much time per month you feel you would be able to dedicate to the position. We would love to hear about other activities you are involved with including academics, music, sports etc.

Applicant signature: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Duties of the DCSWGA Wool Ambassador

(Please note the below roles are primarily for the Wool Ambassador, but any runner ups will be able to assist in achieving these goals, and may operate as a substitute when necessary)

- Talking at local farmers markets and fairs
- Speaking to local schools, civic and other groups to provide information about the DCSWGA, sheep, husbandry, agriculture and youth program opportunities in our area (4H/FFA)
- Seek out opportunities to engage the public regarding sheep.
- Attend the DC Fair as support to sheep show staff: ribbon distribution, membership table and wool workroom activities.
- Attend NYS Sheep & Wool Festival as support to sheep show staff and possibly wool/fiber demos.
- Provide photos and short narratives of activities for website/blog content
- Aid in developing an educational and skills development program for youth and/or adults new to raising sheep.
- Meet with DCSWGA Ambassador mentor periodically
- Submit expenses to be reimbursed on a monthly basis. Form will be provided.
- If unable to attend a scheduled function, notify mentor and aid in scheduling a substitute if possible (1 week advance notice if possible)
- Provide own transportation to events
- Work with mentor to develop schedule of activities

DCSWGA Responsibilities to Wool Ambassador

- Provide outline of responsibilities and expectations
- Provide materials, mentoring and financial support for agreed upon activity
- Provide “uniform” or other garment (polo shirt, jacket) or other agreed upon clothing for Ambassador to wear.
- Mentoring & oversight of Ambassador Program
- Develop program content and review with Ambassador prior to program to ensure understanding and comfort with role
- Meet following program to review experience and elicit feedback, both from Ambassador and attendees via short survey provided by mentor
- Provide written evaluation of Ambassador’s term at conclusion of term.
- Keep a record of activities along with ambassador. This could prove helpful if recommendation or other documentation of role responsibilities is needed for resume, job application, college application and community service requirements.
- Meet with Ambassador to determine comfort level for different activities and work together to achieve positive outcome.