

## CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF ERIE COUNTY: 4-H Teen Ambassadors

### **Mission:**

The mission of the Teen Ambassador Program is to build confidence, develop life skills, teach leadership and promote teamwork for 4-H youth ages 13-18 (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017), who will be the next generation of 4-H leaders, in order to create confident leaders who are fully prepared to accept even greater leadership roles in their families, schools and communities.

The mission of the Teen Ambassador Program is to prepare future leaders who are ready to lead the community and the next generation of 4-H youth in order to secure a brighter future.

### **By-Laws:**

1. All ECTA's must submit an application yearly.
  - a. New applicants must include at least 1 letter of recommendation.
  - b. If previously an ECTA member, no letter of recommendation is required.
2. The program will have a maximum of 25 members.
  - a. If quality applicants exceed the # of remaining open spots in the program, the leaders will interview the applicants and make the final decisions.
3. ECTA membership term is January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>
4. Members must attend 50% of all program meetings.
5. Each ECTA member will be expected to attend at least one 4-H Program Committee meeting to act as the youth Representative and report to the Committee on current ECTA business.
  - a. Attending member will hold a voting privilege while in attendance.
6. Fundraising participation is required for members if it is an event specific to ECTA.
  - i. Members must be present for the entire event to receive money.
  - ii. Exceptions, such as sickness or death in the family, must be approved by 4-H staff in advance (not after the event starts) and may require proof.
  - iii. County- wide fundraiser participation is encouraged.
7. All members must present and attend one public presentation event of the year and be there for the entire event to help with set-up, clean-up and assist during the event.
8. Public presentations are required at county events; practice during meetings is optional.
9. If members choose not to obey the by-laws, they will be asked to leave the program.
10. Club dues will be \$5.00 per year.
11. Community service is required= 12 points
  - a. Tier 1: Fair activities (Café, recycling, livestock show/sale, YBD leadership, booth @ NYS Fair)
    - i. Each hour is worth 2 points
  - b. Tier 2: 4-H events, project days, competitions, local community events/activities
    - i. Each hour is worth 1 point
12. Participation tracking document is to be brought to each ECTA business meeting, updated for review by Advisor
13. ECTA 4-H Leaders/4-H Staff make all final decisions.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the by-laws for the Erie County 4-H Teen Ambassadors Club. Furthermore, I understand that failure to comply with the aforementioned by-laws will result in my termination as an ECTA 4-H member.

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Member Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date