



## **YOUTH PROTECTION 4-H VOLUNTEER SCREENING**

We appreciate your interest in serving as a volunteer for the Nebraska 4-H Youth Development program. Volunteers are fundamental to the 4-H program!

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension 4-H Volunteer application process includes a volunteer screening. All volunteers and staff who work directly with youth are required to complete the Youth Protection 4-H Volunteer Screening form. Be assured the volunteer screening process is confidential. Volunteer applicants are screened in order to:

- assure a safe, positive and nurturing environment for all youth involved with the Nebraska 4-H Youth Development program.
- provide protection for the child, the volunteer, the educator, the 4-H Council, the Extension Board, and the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension.

Please read the 4-H Volunteer Code of Ethics below, sign the "agree to abide" statement and insert county name, and complete the back side of the form. Please mail the completed form to the address listed. Thank you for offering your time, talents, and leadership to the Nebraska 4-H Youth Development program!

### **NEBRASKA 4-H VOLUNTEER CODE OF ETHICS**

Your primary goal as a 4-H volunteer is to help children and youth develop competency in their projects, confidence in themselves and others, connections in their community, and sound character. As a 4-H volunteer, you are to help kids do what they are capable of doing. You are to promote teamwork and leadership while helping the 4-H'ers learn and have fun. Everything you say and do should be consistent with the six core ethical values comprising good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, fairness and citizenship. This Volunteer Code of Ethics sets forth expectations of 4-H volunteers:

- 1) Act to encourage and justify trust. Teach 4-H'ers the meaning and importance of trustworthiness.
- 2) Treat members, parents, Extension staff, judges and others with whom I come in contact with respect, courtesy and consideration. Avoid and prevent put-downs, insults, name-calling, yelling, and other verbal or non-verbal conduct likely to offend, hurt, or set a bad example.
- 3) Inform myself about youth and their positive development. Fulfill my responsibilities by striving to improve my performance as a volunteer and a mentor of young people. Attend volunteer training sessions when I can and seek out and use books, videotapes, and other educational materials.
- 4) Teach and model kindness and compassion for others. Recognize that all young people have skills and talents, which can be used to help others and improve the community. Teach and demand teamwork and discourage selfishness.
- 5) Teach and model fair-mindedness by being open to ideas, suggestions, and opinions of others. Make all reasonable efforts to assure equal access to participation for all youth and adults regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, or disability. Make all decisions fairly and treat all members with impartiality.
- 6) Teach and model the importance of obeying laws and rules as an obligation of citizenship. Obey the laws of the locality, state, and nation. Promote the responsible treatment of animals and stewardship of the environment.
- 7) Not use alcohol or illegal substances (or be under the influence) while working with or being responsible for youth, or allow youth to do so while under my supervision.
- 8) Provide a safe environment. I will not harm youth or adults in any way, whether through sexual harassment, physical force, verbal or mental abuse, neglect, or other harmful behaviors.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a 4-H Volunteer in \_\_\_\_\_ County,  
agree to abide by the 4-H Volunteer Code of Ethics.

**Upon completion, return this form in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential" to the  
State 4-H Program Administrator, State 4-H Office, 114 Ag Hall, PO Box 830700, Lincoln, NE 68583-0700.**



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The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.



Division of Children and Family Services

State of Nebraska

Dave Heineman, Governor

**AGENCY REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM THE NEBRASKA ADULT AND CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTER/REGISTRY**

**The State of Nebraska approved this form, any alteration will invalidate it.**

I hereby request information from the Nebraska Adult and Child Abuse and Neglect Registry. I agree to use the requested information to determine whether to hire or retain the individual to provide care, custody, treatment, transportation or supervision of children or vulnerable adults.

**Agency Name/ Fax:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension 4-H Youth Development

**Please do not use abbreviations**

**Address and Phone Number:** 114 Ag Hall, PO Box 830700, Lincoln, NE 68583-0700; PH: (402) 472-2805

I hereby authorize the Division of Children and Family Services to disclose whether I have an Adult and/or Child Abuse and Neglect Register/Registry record to the above-named agency.

**Print Full Legal Name: (applicant)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature (applicant)** \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature REQUIRED  
if under 18 years old

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street/City/State/Zip)

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**Applicant Date of Birth**

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**Applicant Social Security Number**

**Other names previously used such as former married names, maiden name and nick names. Please Print.**

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**Names and birth dates of your children and children who have lived with you. Please Print.**

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**Any Address at which you have resided during the past 20 years. Please Print.**

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