



Dear Potential Volunteer,

Let me 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,

Erin Deel Dailey

OSU Extension, Jackson County

Ohio Valley EERA

Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

& County Extension Director



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



### **Position Title:**

4-H Club Organizational Volunteer

### **Time Required**

On-going and dependent on county

### **General Purpose:**

Serve as a liaison between the club's membership and the 4-H Youth Development professional regarding overall club management and leadership.

### **Specific Responsibilities:**

- Serve as the primary community link between the County Extension office, County 4-H professionals and the 4-H club, maintaining communication with all club advisors.
- Secure, complete, and submit club organization/enrollment materials to the county Extension office.
- Provide county Extension office with all requested materials related to the 4-H club
- Ensure adequate supervision at all club functions.
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- Assist officers to learn their responsibilities.
- Welcome parent/guardian interest, ideas, support, and attendance at club activities.
- Follow all O.S.U. Extension and 4-H Youth Development policies and procedures.
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- Attend all (or most) of the club meetings and activities.
- Read 4-H mailings and access information from the 4-H web to keep membership current.
- Participate in volunteer development opportunities to stay current and enhance leadership skills.
- Inform members/parents of 4-H guidelines and requirements.
- Provide positive and constructive feedback to members and parents/guardians.

### **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.
  - Effectively organize, delegate, and communicate (verbal and written)
  - Work with minimal supervision from professional staff.
  - Become familiar with and work within the philosophy and guidelines of Ohio State University Extension, Ohio 4-H Program and the County 4-H program.

### **Ohio State University Extension Agrees to:**

- ◆ Provide training opportunities to assist volunteers to meet needs of members and parents.
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- ◆ Have professional staff available to consult with and listen to volunteers.
- ◆ Provide appropriate recognition and awards to volunteers.

### **Mentor/Supervising Professionals:**

Erin Dailey, Jackson County 4-H Extension Educator, [dailey.108@osu.edu](mailto:dailey.108@osu.edu), 740-286-5044, x25

# Volunteer Application

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of time at this address (years): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time to Call: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. VOLUNTEER INTEREST

Why are you interested in volunteering for Ohio State University Extension?

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Select the Ohio State University Extension program area you want to volunteer with below:

Agricultural & Natural Resources

Community Development

4-H Youth Development

Master Gardener

Family & Consumer Sciences

other

Do you prefer to work directly with youth or adults?  Youth  Adults  Both

If you prefer to work directly with youth, what age level(s) do you prefer?

Ages 5-8

Ages 9-12

Ages 13-19

No Preference

What time commitment do you initially desire?

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Previous Work Experience: (List current or most recent experience first)

Employer

Position Title

Year

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AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES



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**Previous Volunteer Experience: (List current or most recent experience first)**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Volunteer Role</u>	<u>Year</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**III. PERSONAL REFERENCES - MUST INCLUDE AN EMAIL ADDRESS**

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

If yes, please give date, nature, and disposition of offense.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:** A criminal record will be considered as it relates to specifics of the volunteer position for which you are applying. A criminal record may prevent an individual from volunteering, depending on the nature of the offense.

**References:** List non-family members who have knowledge of your skills, abilities, and qualifications. Individuals should have worked with you on projects and activities and/or have direct experience with or knowledge of your qualifications. Please provide complete addresses and phone numbers.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email (REQUIRED):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*I authorize the contact of listed references and understand that I am required to submit to a fingerprint criminal background check prior to final consideration of my application to volunteer. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of required information is just cause for non-appointment as a volunteer with Ohio State University Extension. I understand that I serve at the pleasure of the Ohio State University Extension and agree to abide by the policies of Ohio State University Extension and individual program areas and to fulfill the volunteer responsibilities to the best of my ability.*

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 engage in any act prohibited by law.
- Comply with all civil rights laws and policies, including but not limited to OSUE equal opportunity, anti- discrimination laws, and 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*, I am required to self-disclose criminal convictions within three business days of the conviction.
- 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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# Ohio State University Extension - Jackson County

## 4-H Volunteer Criminal History Fingerprint Background Check Procedure

**Please take this page with you when you go to have your background check.**

In Jackson County, 4-H volunteers should have their background check done at:

**JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

350 PORTSMOUTH STREET #102

JACKSON, OH 45640

or

**BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

502 McCARTY LANE

JACKSON, OH 45640

**Please be prepared to pay \$35.00 (cash, check accepted)**

### What You Need to Get Your Ohio 4-H Background Check

1. A government issued photo ID - such as your driver's license - with your current address, and showing your date of birth.
2. Your Social Security number - Know your number? No need to bring your SS card.
3. Use **2151.86** as the reason code you are having the background check.
4. If you have not lived in Ohio for the past 5 years, you must also have a FBI report.
5. Background check results **must be mailed to:**

Attention: Gina Thorpe – Jackson County  
OSU Office of Human Resources  
1590 N. High St., Ste. 300  
Columbus, Ohio 43201

If the agency is not able to get a good scan of your fingerprints, please ask for an inked fingerprint card. You will then bring the inked card to the Extension office.

Note: The fingerprint background check process reveals past criminal convictions. The Ohio Revised Code specifies certain criminal convictions as disqualifying events that forbid current and future volunteer involvement with Ohio 4-H and OSU Extension. You can view this list at: <http://go.osu.edu/DQoffenses>.

If you would like to be reimbursed for the cost of your background check, keep your original receipt and bring it, along with this form, to your county OSU Extension office. Complete the form below and be sure your name appears on your receipt. We will then submit a reimbursement request for you. The reimbursement check will be mailed from OSU in Columbus; it may take eight to ten weeks to process.

### OSU Extension 4-H Volunteer Request for Reimbursement

Volunteer Name (Print first, middle, last): \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*For office use only. Tape receipt to top of this form before scanning.*

Date volunteer reimbursement request received at Extension Office: \_\_\_\_\_ (month / day / year)

Name & initials of OSU Extension Professional receiving request: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

tape receipt in this area