



How to Become a Maricopa County 4-H Youth Development Volunteer



Certified 4-H Volunteer

Steps to becoming a Certified 4-H Volunteer:

1. Complete 4-H *Certified Volunteer Application*.
2. Contact three references and have them submit a *Certified Volunteer Reference Form*.
3. Complete a *Certified Volunteer Background Check Form* and submit \$20.
4. Complete and submit a *Driver Registration and Motor Vehicle Record Check*.
5. Schedule an interview with 4-H staff.
6. Complete training.
7. Join an existing club or Charter a new club. The name of the club must be approved by the Agent. If Chartering, complete and submit all Charter paperwork plus \$10/member or waivers. Please see *Charter FAQ*.

Benefits:

- You can use the 4-H name and emblem on your activities.
- You will have access to 4-H curriculum and training.
- The 4-H staff are a resource to Volunteers.
- Your members can participate in county 4-H activities.
- Your members who submit summaries can participate in 4-H at the Maricopa County Fair.
- Your members who submit Record Books (Jr.) or Portfolios (Sr.) can participate in 4-H at the Maricopa County Fair and are eligible for county, state, national, and international awards and trips.
- You will be invited to all 4-H Volunteer events and the annual Recognition Banquet.

Collaborator (Teacher) 4-H Volunteer

Steps to becoming a Collaborator 4-H Volunteer:

1. Complete a *Collaborator Volunteer Application*.
2. Have your Principal verify on the *Collaborator Volunteer Screening Verification Form* that you have been screened and can work with youth.
3. Schedule an interview and training with 4-H staff.
4. Charter your club (class). Please see *Charter FAQ*.
5. Enroll your students by providing names, birthdates, genders, and ethnicities on the *Collaborator Student Enrollment Form*. Use school address. All information is confidential and kept in a locked file in the 4-H office.
6. Pay fee or submit a class waiver.
7. Conduct your 4-H work at school or at a school sanctioned events.

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- You can use the 4-H name and emblem on your activities.
- You will have access to 4-H curriculum and training.
- The 4-H staff are a resource to Volunteers.
- Your students can participate in county 4-H activities.
- Optional: If you submit either individual student summaries or a class summary, your students can participate in 4-H at the Maricopa County Fair. Summaries must be submitted to the 4-H office before the Maricopa County Fair entry date.
- You will be invited to all 4-H Volunteer events and the annual Recognition Banquet.

Resource Volunteer

Steps to becoming a Resource Volunteer:

1. Be willing to share your time and expertise by working with youth or other Volunteers.
2. Sign the *Resource Volunteer Agreement*.
3. Always provide services in the presence of and under the guidance of a Certified 4-H Volunteer.

Benefits:

- You will have the opportunity to increase knowledge and skills of youth in Maricopa County.
- You will be greatly appreciated by 4-H youth and Volunteers for your generosity.