

# BECOME A SHELBY COUNTY 4-H ADULT VOLUNTEER



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Shelby County 4-H Adult Volunteers provide leadership and guidance to youth involved in the Shelby County 4-H program.

The application and screening process to become an adult Leader/Volunteer involves a number of steps. Applicants are not accepted into the program until the entire procedure has been completed.

To begin the application process, please review the volunteer position description included in the application packet. This position description is a general description of a club leader and gives a basic outline.

After viewing the responsibilities and qualifications, the next step is to complete the volunteer application package and return to the Extension Office. Please make sure to provide complete contact information for your references. Follow this link to apply as a 4-H Volunteer

**<https://bit.ly/enrollvolunteer>.**

Once our office receives our application, we will complete a background check and contact our references. Please make sure to provide complete contact information for your references including e-mail if possible. Please note that the application process length varies from individual to individual. This depends largely on how fast your references return their responses and how busy the Extension Office is at the at time of year. (Volunteer applications turned in the month of May- June will likely not be processed until July due to the high volume of work related to the Shelby County Fair.)

Potential volunteers will meet with the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator to discuss program responsibilities and open opportunities that interest you. Meeting with the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator will allow you to become familiar with the responsibilities and expectations of positions while reviewing policy and procedure followed by Shelby County.

While volunteers are always welcome to help with Shelby County 4-H, please understand that we cannot always place you in the position of your first choice. Please don't be discouraged, as we are almost always able to find a place that you will feel that your talents can be used to their fullest while providing our youth with a safe and healthy environment to learn and grow.

For additional information, contact the Purdue Extension - Shelby County Office at 317-392-6460 or e-mail the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator, Erin Padgett, at

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Monday - Friday  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM



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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are the backbone of 4-H in Shelby County. They provide knowledge, leadership, skills and experience to our youth and their families. They donate their times and resources to ensure that all 4-Hers are able to learn and grow in a safe place. Thank you 4-H volunteers, for helping grow the next generation of future leaders!

## HOW TO VOLUNTEER:

- **HELP WITH A ONE TIME EVENT/PROGRAM**
  - Assist with project judging dates, workshops, be a guest speaker for a club meeting or other events that require some adult assistance and experience.
- **LEAD A 4-H CLUB**
  - organize meetings and activities and serve as a point of contact for the 4-Hers in your club.
- **HELP WITH A SPECIFIC 4-H PROJECT**
  - Share your interest or skills by helping with a specific project by helping at project judging, leading a workshop, or serving as a reference for youth as they learn and work on their project.
- **ASSIST WITH SHELBY COUNTY MINI 4-H DAY CAMP**
  - Help to plan activities, activities and help wrangle the youth at the annual Mini 4-H Day camp each summer!
- **SIT ON A COUNTY GOVERNING BOARD**
  - Serve as a member of the Shelby County 4-H Advisory Council.