

Maryland 4-H Online Handbook Family Enrollment

Episodic 4-H Volunteer Enrollment

Any adult who wishes to work as a temporary, short-term volunteer for the 4-H program must be appointed as an Episodic 4-H Volunteer. Episodic Volunteers must work under the direct supervision of 4-H employees or certified UME 4-H Volunteers and are limited to **one** consecutive period of **no more than 8 weeks** of service per year. Episodic Volunteer status expires at the end of the appointed term of service. To serve again in another 4-H program year, the Episodic Volunteer must submit a new application and receive a new appointment.

The Episodic Volunteer appointment process requires the following steps:

- 1. **Application** completed by enrolling in 4-H Online as an Episodic Volunteer
- 2. UME Background Check Tier 1 basic background check, conducted by the UME Director's office
- 3. **Appointment** Formal written agreement between the Episodic Volunteer and the 4-H program, including terms, duties, and schedule of service.

The first step to becoming an Episodic 4-H Volunteer is submitting an enrollment in 4-H Online. Your enrollment will include your Episodic Volunteer application form and your authorization to perform screening steps. It is strongly recommended that you contact your local 4-H office before you submit your enrollment and application in 4-H Online. Your local 4-H Educator and staff can help you determine what service you can perform as an Episodic 4-H Volunteer and offer tips on the 4-H Online enrollment process.

The 4-H Online Episodic Volunteer enrollment process requires completion of two steps:

- Step 1: Registration collects personal and demographic information about the Episodic Volunteer applicant.
- **Step 2: Screening** collects information about the individual's suitability to serve as a 4-H Volunteer. Episodic Volunteer applicants complete their Application Form when they answer the screening questions.

Once the Registration step is completed and submitted, the Screening step will automatically open. **Both steps must be completed and submitted before the 4-H program can review and approve your enrollment.**

Episodic 4-H Volunteers may not assume or perform volunteer duties until their 4-H Online enrollment is approved.

The Maryland 4-H program operates on a calendar program year (January 1 – December 31). Adults and youth must enroll annually to participate in the 4-H program. Adults applying to be Episodic 4-H Volunteers may submit their enrollment/application at any time during the year, between January 1 and November 30. New youth or adult enrollments are not accepted in the month of December.

To enroll as an **Episodic 4-H Volunteer** applicant, follow these steps:

1. Create or log in to your 4-H Online family profile.

- If your family already has a 4-H Online profile, log in to the profile.
- If your family does NOT have a 4-H Online profile, create a new one. Refer to the Family Profile guide for assistance.
- If you are not sure if you have a 4-H Online family profile, contact your local 4-H office. They can help you access or recover an existing profile.

DO NOT CREATE A NEW 4-H ONLINE FAMILY PROFILE IF ONE ALREADY EXISTS.



4-H Online Website Link https://v2.4honline.com/







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2. Locate or create your volunteer Member profile.

- If you already have a Member profile click the Enroll Now link next to your name.
 - If you were previously enrolled in 4-H as a youth member, you will use the same Member profile to enroll as an adult volunteer.
- If your name appears under the list of Inactive Members, contact your local 4-H office for assistance.
- If your name does not appear on the Member List in the family profile, click Add Member to create a volunteer Member profile.
 - Select 4-H as the program you are joining
 - Add your profile and member information
 - Select "I want to join 4-H as a New or Returning 4-H Volunteer."
 - Click Finish to create your Member profile.

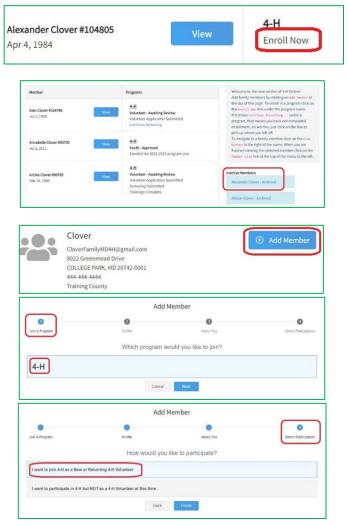
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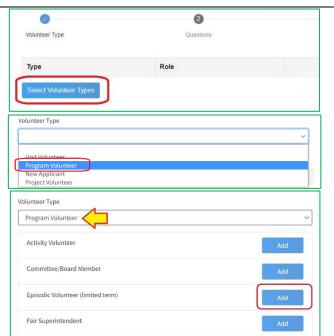
Once your Member profile is created or accessed, you will see the first enrollment screen (Volunteer Types).

3. Select the Episodic Volunteer role.

New Volunteer Applicants do not identify specific volunteer roles, 4-H clubs/units, or 4-H projects until after they have completed the onboarding process and been officially appointed as a Volunteer. To select the correct volunteer role for your enrollment:

- Click Select Volunteer Types
- Choose Program Volunteer from the Volunteer Type dropdown menu.
- Click the Add button next to the Episodic
 Volunteer role. This is the only role you will select for your enrollment.



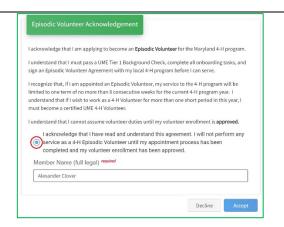




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When you select the role, you will be required to sign the Episodic Volunteer Acknowledgement. Click the bubble next to the agreement statement and type your name as your signature.

Click **Next** to proceed.



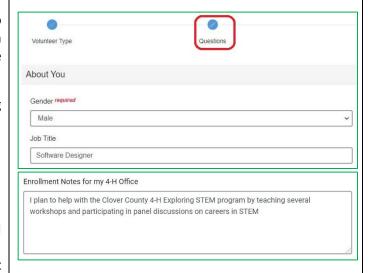
4. Answer the enrollment questions.

After reading the instructions, click **Show Questions** to go to the Questions page. Answer the questions in each section. Questions with a red *required* note must be completed before you can move to the next step.

You will asked to provide information in the following sections:

- About You Gender and employment
- **Demographics** Residence, ethnicity, and race
- Emergency Contact 1 or 2 adults
- **Military** Service by you or your family member
- Other questions information for your local 4-H program
 - Enrollment Notes anything about this enrollment you want your local 4-H office to know
 - o **Correspondence** family preference
 - Languages any languages other than English you speak fluently
 - o **T-Shirt size** select your size
 - Health Information information about health or wellness issues that may affect your participation in 4-H programs, activities, and events. A yes/no answer is required for the general question; details are optional but encouraged for a "yes" answer.
 - Volunteer Reporting if you served as a 4-H volunteer last year, enter the number of hours and youth you served. Enter zeroes in both fields if you were not a 4-H volunteer last year.

Health information is used only for program planning purposes. As with all information in the 4-H Online system, health information will be protected as confidential. Only 4-H professionals with administrative access to your record will be able to view it.



VOLUNTEER REPORTING

Please answer the following questions about your experience as a 4-H program volunteer over the past year. You may estimate your hours of service and the number of youth you served. When reporting total number of youth, count each individual 4-H participant only once, even if you had multiple contacts with him/her throughout the year.

If you are a New Volunteer Applicant, please type "0" (zero) into the fields to proceed with your enrollment.

How many hours did you volunteer for the Maryland 4-H Program last year? required

How many TOTAL youth did you work with in 4-H activities, events, and club meetings last year? requi

Health Information - 4-H Volunteer

Please answer the following question regarding your general health. You are **strongly encouraged**, but not required, to provide information that may be helpful to 4-H staff in case of emergency. You are also encouraged to discuss any health matters or concerns that might affect your 4-H participation with your 4-H Educator or club/program leader.

Do you have any health conditions or concerns that may affect your participation in 4-H programs or activities? required



If yes, please share below any information you would like your local 4-H team to know.



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You may be required to submit more detailed health information if you serve as an Episodic Volunteer for a program or event that requires participants to submit a 4-H Health Form.

You will notice several **document upload portals** at the end of this section. You are not required to upload any documents at this time.

Click the **Next** button at the bottom of the screen to move to the next section.

Volunteer Appointment Agreement Not Required Li Upload

5. Sign the required consents.

Two consents are required for Volunteer enrollment in the Maryland 4-H program:

- Maryland 4-H Code of Conduct
- Maryland 4-H Publicity Release

After reading the instructions for the Consents section click **Show Consents** to continue.

Code of Conduct

The Adult Code of Conduct outlines behavior expected of 4-H Volunteers and non-Volunteer adults. You must electronically sign the Code of Conduct by typing your name in the signature field and clicking the "I agree" statement to proceed with the enrollment.

Publicity Release

Maryland 4-H uses photos and video of 4-H programs, activities, and events for recognition and publicity purposes. After reading the **Publicity Release** document, select the appropriate option and electronically sign by typing your name in the signature field. You must also select an "agree" or "disagree" option to proceed with the enrollment.

Click **Next** to continue your enrollment.

Consents

Maryland 4-H Code of Conduct

The 4-H Code of Conduct is a set of expectations that applies to all youth and adults who participate in the 4-H program, either as enrolled members/volunteers or in other roles (parent, sibling, guest, etc). Failure to observe the Code of Conduct may result in sanctions affecting the individual's eligibility to participate in 4-H activities, events, programs, and clubs. All youth and adults enrolled in the Maryland 4-H Program must agree to the 4-H Code of Conduct as part of

Publicity Release

Maryland 4-H uses photos, video, and descriptions of programs, events, and activities for publicity recognition, and recruiting purposes. Parents of 4-H youth members and adult volunteers may choose whether they want their photo or likeness shared for these purposes. Select the appropriate statement for the Publicity Release.

Maryland 4-H Adult Code of Conduct

Adult Code of Conduct:

Maryland 4-H expects adults participating in programs to conduct themselves in an acceptable manner and in accordance with the Maryland 4-H Code of Conduct outlined on the reverse of this document. Adults, both parents and volunteers, who engage in unacceptable conduct are subject to sanctions. Adult behaviors that are unacceptable under the Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to:

Maryland 4-H Publicity Release

The Maryland 4-H Program and the University of Maryland often use images of "4-Hers in action" to promote programs and activities, recognize achievement, and share the fun of 4-H. Maryland 4-H members and adults may be photographed or videotaped at 4-H events on the local, state, and national level. Images identifying 4-H Volunteers will not be publicized without their permission, which must be indicated in the Volunteer's current year 4-H Online record. This permission must be renewed annually, at Volunteer enrollment.

6. Submit the first step of your enrollment.

Review the enrollment information and click the **Submit** button to complete Step 1 of your enrollment. When you submit the enrollment, you will no longer be able to edit or change the record.

After you submit this Registration (Step 1) portion of your enrollment, the Screenings page (Step 2) will automatically open. You must complete and submit the Screening to complete your enrollment.





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7. Complete your Episodic Volunteer Application (screening).

All 4-H volunteers and applicants must answer the enrollment screening questions. The screening questions serve as your application to serve as an Episodic 4-H Volunteer. You must complete all sections and relevant fields.

Fields marked with the red **required** note must be filled before you can submit your screening/application. If a required field doesn't apply to you, enter "N/A" or "None."

The screening page/application contains the following sections:

- Personal Information why and how you want to volunteer with 4-H
- Volunteer Experience* up to 4 other organizations you have volunteered with in the past 5 years
- Employment* up to 4 employers you have worked for in the past 5 years
- Transportation your licensing and intention to operate motor vehicles related to your 4-H volunteer work
- Legal Involvement** any legal matters involving or a household member
- References 3 people who know you well, and are not family members or UME employees.

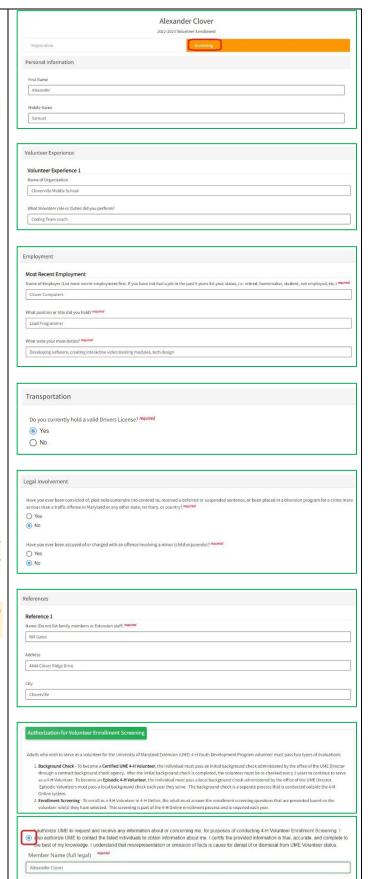
*When entering data in volunteer and employment sections, enter the most recent information first and work chronologically backwards from the current entry.

In the Legal Involvement section, the term **nolo contendre means "no contest."

Authorization for Volunteer Enrollment Screening

You must sign the authorization by typing your name in the field and clicking the agreement statement.

When you have completed all sections and questions and signed the authorization, click **Submit** to complete the Screening portion your enrollment.





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8. View your enrollment confirmation.

After you have submitted both portions of your enrollment you will see your enrollment status on your family profile Member List has changed to **Submitted** for both portions. You will also receive an email confirmation that your submitted enrollment has been received.

Your county/city's 4-H Online Manager will review your submitted enrollment and the person who manages 4-H volunteers for your local 4-H program will contact you regarding the next steps in your Episodic Volunteer onboarding process. Remember, you cannot assume any volunteer duties until you have been appointed and your 4-H Online enrollment has been approved.

Your screening will be reviewed by the State 4-H Office. This portion of your enrollment can be approved once you successfully complete the UME background check and favorable results have been returned. However, your enrollment cannot not be fully approved until you have successfully completed **all** steps of your Episodic Volunteer onboarding.

If a 4-H Online Manager has a question about or finds an error in your submitted enrollment or screening, it will be returned with instructions to correct the discrepancy and resubmit. You can access returned portions of your enrollment by clicking on the **Resubmit** link next to your name.

Likewise, if you do not complete your enrollment in one session, you can return to your incomplete record by clicking on the **Continue** link next to your name.

You can view your enrollment's current status on the Member List of your 4-H Online family profile. Once the enrollment is approved, you will also receive email notification of the approval. Likewise, if your enrollment is sent back for correction you will receive an email notification. Episodic Volunteer applicants are strongly encouraged to keep in close contact with their local 4-H team as their enrollment and onboarding proceeds.

Once your enrollment is approved and you have been appointed as an Episodic 4-H Volunteer, your local 4-H Educator will provide guidance on your specific service to the 4-H program.

