

### **VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

Kentucky 4-H Program  
The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service  
The University of Kentucky

### **POSITION TITLE:**

4-H Character Counts Leader

### **TIME REQUIRED:**

Training 4 hours  
Prep Time 4 hours  
Presentation 6 hours  
Travel 3 hours  
17 hours  
Duration September, October, November, January, February, March (1 lesson each month)

### **LOCATION:**

School classroom; K-8th grade elementary and middle schools

### **GENERAL PURPOSE:**

- To teach CHARACTER COUNTS!<sup>sm</sup> curriculum to youth

### **SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Teach curriculum
- Be committed to young people and their development at all times
- Coordinate and conduct educational activities related to the character education topic of the month
- Ask teachers to follow up on related educational experiences throughout the month
- When appropriate encourage youth to become involved in other 4-H youth educational programs.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Must complete the Volunteer Application process and be approved by the Youth Protection/Risk Management Committee
- A sincere interest in working with youth by classroom age groups K-8th
- The ability to provide information and motivate youth while nurturing positive self esteem, decision making, responsibility, and leadership in the youth
- A sincere interest in sharing knowledge and experiences and skills with youth and adults in classroom settings.
- Ability to work and communicate effectively in a verbal form
- Ability to work effectively with minimal supervision from professional staff
- A willingness to become familiar with and work with the philosophy and guidelines of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, Ky 4-H program and county 4-H program

## **BENEFITS:**

- Educational opportunities related to CHARACTER COUNTS!™ educational programs
- Appropriate manuals, materials, etc. will be provided
- Professionals will be available to consult with volunteers on a one to one basis
- Volunteers will have an opportunity to share program ideas and shape the 4-H program of the future
- Recognition and awards will be given to volunteers

## **SALARY:**

Unsalaries; volunteer. This position does not imply employment with the University of Kentucky

## **MENTOR/SUPERVISING PROFESSIONAL**

County Extension 4-H professional(s)/middle manager

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

PHONE:

FAX:

E-MAIL:

*"I have read, understand and agree to fulfill the purpose and responsibilities of this volunteer position and further agree to accept guidance and direction from the supervisor. I am committing to involve individuals regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin in educational experiences in cooperation with other Extension volunteers and Extension personnel. I also understand that failure to fulfill the purpose and responsibilities of the volunteer position and to accept guidance and direction from the supervisor could result in suspension of my position. I also understand that this volunteer position is renewable annually; I will notify the supervising professional if I am no longer interested in serving."*

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Signature of Volunteer

Date

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Signature of Extension Professional

Date

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