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4-H Educator Impact Initiative Classroom Champion Agreement

This agreement outlines the requirements and responsibilities teachers must meet to receive the stipend associated with serving as a 4-H Classroom Champion at their respective schools. By signing this agreement, the teacher acknowledges and agrees to adhere to the responsibilities specified below.

GUIDELINES FOR CLASSROOM CHAMPION ELIGIBILITY

Complete a successful background check through the University of Georgia (UGA) for Georgia 4-H to ensure compliance with safety standards.

Other requirements include:

GEORGIA 4-H VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT

Submit the 4-H Volunteer Agreement form as part of the onboarding process. Successfully complete the required 4-H Volunteer Training program.

DOCUMENTATION AND REPORTING

- Maintain accurate attendance records for each club meeting.
- Submit completed sign-in sheets to the 4-H Extension office no later than the 5th of the following month.
- Collaborate with DeKalb County 4-H leaders to complete the chartering paperwork for the in-school 4-H club.
- Successfully complete the Georgia 4-H club chartering process.

CLUB MEETING EXPECTATIONS

- Hold a minimum of one (in-school) 4-H club meeting per month during the program year (September 2026 – March 2027).
- Ensure that at least **ten** students participate per month in each club meeting.
- Encourage and ensure student participation in Project Achievement and implement/promote a class community service project.



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TRAININGS

Participants must attend all required training sessions:

- **Orientation & Training:** August of 2026 *(Date to be announced during the district's planning week)*
DeKalb County Extension Office
4380 Memorial Drive, Suite 200 – Decatur, GA 30032
- **Georgia 4-H Online Risk Management:** Must be completed by **August 14, 2026**.
- **Mid-Year Virtual Check-In/Update:** Attendance required; date to be announced (TBA)

STIPEND DISBURSEMENT

The 4-H Classroom Champion stipend will be disbursed by the DeKalb County School District according to the district's selected pay schedule.

The DeKalb County Extension/4-H Office will provide the district with a monthly compliance report confirming which Classroom Champions have submitted the required documentation and monthly reports.

Stipend payments will only be issued after the DeKalb County Extension/4-H Office confirms receipt of all required monthly reports. Classroom Champions are responsible for the timely submission of reports in order to remain eligible for stipend disbursement.

GEORGIA 4-H MISSION

The mission of Georgia 4-H is to support youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that empower them to become self-directed, productive, and contributing members of society. This is achieved through hands-on learning experiences focusing on agricultural and environmental issues, leadership, communication, nutrition, health, energy conservation, and citizenship. 4-H encourages exploration, discovery, and challenges youth to grow through active participation in programs such as District Project Achievement (DPA) and service-learning projects.



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EXTENSION NETWORK

As a program of the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Cooperative Extension System, 4-H is part of a nationwide Extension network, combining federal, state, and local expertise and resources.

NON-COMPLIANCE POLICY:

Failure to adhere to the above guidelines may result in:

- *Notification to the school administration regarding non-compliance.*
- *Suspension or removal from the DeKalb County Extension/4-H Educator Impact Initiative stipend opportunity.*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE

*I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the terms outlined in this agreement. I commit to fulfilling all responsibilities and upholding the mission of Georgia 4-H. I also understand that **approval from my school's administration is required** for selection as a 4-H Classroom Champion.*

Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

School Name: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DEKALB COUNTY EXTENSION/4-H STAFF:

4-H Leader: _____ County Extension Coordinator: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____