

Washington Country Junior Fair Board Committee

Mission:

Give the opportunity to learn about our fair and the fair industry, increase agriculture education to our guests, get involved with the community, participate in community service, develop, and expand your leadership skills, become aware of the business and operations of the Washington County Agricultural Fair, and be involved with a group of like-minded youth working to make our fair better each year.

Duties

- Ambassadors for the fair:
 - Give presentations on the fair to service groups, run social media accounts, host Farmer For A Day exhibit at public events, participate in local parades, assist in organizing and running educational programs that can be offered to the community and 4H/FFA members.
- Volunteer in the community:
 - Visit local elementary schools with Farmer For A Day exhibit to expand agriculture education.
- During Fair:
 - Assist in fair set up, assist where needed for livestock shows, work various stations (information booth, Farmer For A Day exhibit, 50/50 ticket sales), put on contests in show arena and show tent for youth, shadow board members and assist them when needed during the week, complete survey with fair visitors, assist in fair clean up, plan and organize different displays in the buildings and events during the week (can raise money throughout year and week to pay for these events to occur), organize and run a charity event during the week for the fair to give back to.
- During the year:
 - Attend monthly meetings, attend at least 1 fair board meeting throughout the year as a member.

Requirements

- Between age 14-21 as of January 1st
- Members in school: GPA of at least 2.5
- Attend a High School within the county, reside in Washington County, or a member in good standing with a 4-H/FFA Club/Chapter in Washington County
- Be able to work a specific amount of hours during the week of the Washington County Fair
- Attend all monthly meetings and at least 1 senior fair board meeting
- Have at least 1 entry in the 2023 Fair (all types of exhibit entries are acceptable)

Dear Prospective Junior Fair Board Member:

Thank you in advance for applying to the Washington County Agricultural Junior Fair Board! It is a great way to meet students from other schools in our county and a way to serve in your community. Being a member of the Junior Fair Board entails having a lot of fun, but the work is hard. The following is a brief outline of the duties and responsibilities of the Junior Fair Board so you and your parents know in advance what is expected.

The work will begin immediately after selecting members and meetings will be held monthly. Bi-weekly meetings will occur as we get closer to fair week. Meetings will be held the last Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 PM and last about 1.5 hours. During the week of the fair, a meeting will be held each evening to plan and prep for the following day. You are required to attend all meetings throughout the year as part of the Board. Those who are in a position where they cannot attend in person, may join via zoom. You are excused from 1 meeting during your one year term.

Your participation in preparation will be required in the week leading up to the fair. Members should also plan to be available for opening ceremonies and expected to help at livestock weigh-ins as well as the shows and sales. If you have animals at the fair, we will work with you around these times. Contests, games, events, and tours are tasks that will be divided up amongst the members to assist in running throughout the week. Throughout the year leading up to this week, members will also assist in planning these contests and events that they will work together to run.

Throughout the year, as part of the Junior Fair Board, you will also be an ambassador for our fair. You will be expected to take part in raising awareness of the fair through being involved in your community. This can include presentations to different organizations, visiting schools in the county, participating in parades, organizing and running fundraising/charity events.

Junior Fair Board members will be expected to follow dress code when on duty. Your behavior represents our fair. Any behavior deemed to be inappropriate and unacceptable by the Senior Fair Board or Junior Fair Board advisors may be cause for dismissal.

Interviews will be held at the fairgrounds within 3 weeks after board applications are due. You will be notified by telephone as to your exact interview date and time.

We look forward to meeting you at your interview. Please have a parent or guardian sign below and return this form with your application, including 2 letters of recommendation, to the Washington County Agricultural Fair Administration office. Letters of recommendation received must be in a sealed envelope that has been signed across the seal by the person writing the letter. Signing below will verify that you and your parents understand what is expected of you if you are selected to serve on the Washington County Agricultural Junior Fair Board.

Good Luck!

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Washington County Agricultural Fair Junior Fair Board Membership Application

Please complete each item as thoroughly as possible, using additional paper if needed. In addition, applicants must submit 2 letters of recommendation from adults not related to them. Letters of recommendation received must be in a sealed envelope that has been signed across the seal by the person writing the letter.

**Applications must be received at Washington County Fair office
by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6th, 2023.**

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # Home: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ G.P.A. _____

Birth date: _____ Parent's Names: _____

Clubs and/or organizations you are active in. Highlight any offices or leadership positions held: _____

Tell us why you wish to serve on the Junior Fair Board and what skills you possess that would make you a good member: _____

Hobbies & Interests: _____

Have you been involved in the Washington Country Agricultural Fair before? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, in what way and for how long?

What project or ideas do you have in mind to further the activities of the Junior Fair board?

What entries do you plan to enter in the 2023 Washington County Fair? If any livestock animals, what kind and how many? _____

What is your favorite aspect of the fair and why? _____

What could the Junior Fair Board do to improve the fair? _____

What additions or changes would you like to see at the fair? _____

How did you learn about the Junior Fair Board? _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____

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Any questions contact Kelly Korpus at

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