

Santa Clara County Fair Junior Fair Board

FAQs:

1. What is the Santa Clara County Fair Junior Fair Board?

- a. Students selected as Junior Fair Board members will participate in special projects designed to enhance their leadership skills, community involvement, and ultimately support the livelihood of the Santa Clara County Fair. Selected exhibitors will be challenged as they grow and develop new skills that will enhance their understanding of themselves and the world around them. During the duration of the term, our hope is that students will discover new interests and skills which will help guide them in their continued educational pursuits.

2. Who is eligible?

- a. Exhibitors 13 years and older (as of January 2017) are eligible to apply, provided that he/she meets the following qualifications:
 - i. Presently entered as an exhibitor for the Santa Clara County Fair
 - ii. Is in good standing with their 4-H or FFA group and the Santa Clara County Fair
 - iii. Is currently enrolled in Jr. High or High School.

3. What is the time commitment?

- a. The term for the inaugural Junior Fair Board will begin in July 2017 and end at the end of the 2018 Santa Clara County Fair.
- b. Selected exhibitors participate in monthly Junior Fair Board meetings and special events throughout the year.
- c. During the fair, Junior Fair Board members are required to attend daily meetings in the Livestock Office, time TBD.

4. What does the Junior Fair Board do?

- a. The primary role of the Junior Fair Board will be to support The Fair staff with various tasks and projects during the duration of the Santa Clara County Fair.
- b. Other events that will require the Junior Fair Board attendance include:
 1. Fair Gala
 2. Cattlemen's Dinner
 3. Pre-Fair Meeting

5. How many Junior Fair Board members are selected?

- a. 10 applicants will be selected to serve on the board each year for the following positions:
 - 1) President
 - 2) Vice President
 - 3) Secretary
 - 4) Swine Representative
 - 5) Sheep Representative
 - 6) Cattle Representative
 - 7) Market Goat Representative
 - 8) Dairy Goat Representative
 - 9) Small Animal Representative
 - 10) Still Exhibits Representative

6. What is the application process?

- a. Applications are due to Ashley Pipkin, ashleypipkin@taproduce.com, by **June 9th**.
- b. Applicants will be contacted by **July 1st** if selected for the Junior Fair Board
- c. The application process may also include an interview depending on competitiveness of applications. Applicants will be contacted directly to schedule an interview if needed.
- d. The first mandatory introductory Junior Fair Board meeting will be held on **July 7th**
- e. The 2017 Junior Fair Board will be announced at the pre-fair meeting on **July 19th**

7. How are applicants selected?

- a. Junior Fair Board members are selected based on the information submitted in their applications without regard to race, religion, color, gender identity, sexual orientation, ancestry, or disability.
- b. Applications will be reviewed by a committee that may include representatives from the agriculture industry, exhibitor alumni, and fair sponsors.
 - i. Parents, advisors, and club leaders of applicants are prohibited from serving on the selection committee.
- c. Candidates must demonstrate an interest in leadership by showing examples of where they have taken initiative at school and within their communities. Ideal candidates are those who have demonstrated leadership, initiative, and selflessness.
- d. All selection committee decisions are final.
- e. Applicants will be notified on or before July 1st

2017 Application Instructions

1. **Application Form:** The application form below must be fully completed in order to be considered for the Junior Fair Board. Preferably type written (except signatures). Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
2. **Essay & Short Answer:** Essay and short answer questions should clearly address the specific questions listed. Statements should demonstrate specific instances in which leadership, organization and community service played critical roles. Essay should not exceed one double-spaced page (12 point font, 1 inch margins).

The personal essay is an important part of the selection committee's focus. The selection committee will look for clearly written discussion of significant activities that have produced meaningful results (and not a list of accolades or achievements).

Applicants are welcome to attached separate documents with their essay and short answer questions.

3. **Applications are due by June 9th. No exceptions will be made.**

Santa Clara County Fair
2017 Junior Fair Board Application

Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School Name: _____ GPA: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

I understand that if I am selected to serve on the Junior Fair Board, I will be expected to attend all Junior Fair Board events and meetings and commit to making the Junior Fair Board program a success through my active participation. By signing this agreement, I confirm that I am an exhibitor of the Santa Clara County fair and meet the outlined requirements.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

School/Extracurricular Activities

Club/Organization/Team	Description

Personal Essay:

Explain a time you acted as a leader and what you believe a good leader looks like. (Do not exceed one double spaced typed page)

Short Answer Questions:

1. When working as a team, what roles have you played and how have you helped to motivate other team members?
2. If you are chosen to be a member of the Junior Fair Board, what skills and abilities will you bring to the program?
3. What would you like to learn as a Junior Fair Board member? How could you benefit by being a member?
4. What position on the team are you most interested in? Why?