

## 2024 LORAIN COUNTY JR. FAIR BOARD APPLICATION

**Must be postmarked or received by:**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023 BY 3:00 P.M.**

Submit to: Lorain County Jr. Fair, Attn: Sherry Nickles, 23000 Fairgrounds Road, Wellington, OH 44090

\*Please attach additional pages, if necessary. **DO NOT FAX OR EMAIL APPLICATIONS.**

Date Received in Office

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

AGE ON 1/1/24 \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Minimum Age:** You must be 15 on or before 1/1/24

**Maximum Age:** If you turn 19 before 1/1/24 you are **NOT** eligible.

If you become 19 on or after 1/1/24, you **ARE** eligible.

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL YOU ATTEND \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE IN SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE A CURRENT DRIVERS LICENSE? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

1. Indicate the number of years you have been a member of each of the following Jr. Fair organizations. Also indicate whether you are currently a member.

\_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H: Current Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Name of Club(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Years in FFA: Current Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

\_\_\_\_\_ Years in FCCLA: Current Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

\_\_\_\_\_ Years in Farm Bureau Youth: Current Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

\_\_\_\_\_ Years in Camp Fire USA: Current Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

2. Have you ever served on Jr. Fair Board before? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what years? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why do you wish to be on the Jr. Fair Board?

4. If selected to Jr. Fair Board, what changes or improvements would you like to see in the Lorain County Jr. Fair?

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5. Junior Fair Board regular business meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month, January through December. Attendance is taken at meetings and work sessions. Missing these mandatory meetings and board functions without giving prior notification can cause for your removal from the board.
- A. What other activity or commitments do you have throughout the year that might interfere with your regular attendance at meetings?
- B. If you have a summer or after school job will you be able to request off during the week of fair?
- C. Will you be attending college this summer or this fall? If yes, which college?
- D. When does your high school or college start for 2024?
- E. Jr. Fair Board activities must be a priority for every board member. What additional steps will you take to ensure that you meet the needs of the board? Explain.
6. List any offices held in the past three years in the organizations listed in question #1. (Indicate what organization).
7. Leadership experiences (other than elected offices) which you have had in the last 3 years in the organizations listed in question #1. This might be committees you have served on or chaired, junior leadership experiences, etc. (Indicate which organization)

Using the following list circle the area(s) that you feel you have knowledge or expertise:

Securing sponsorships	Fundraising	Welding
Writing & Editing	Computer Spreadsheets	Public Speaking
Organization of Paperwork	Using Power/Hand Tools	Woodworking
Creative/Graphic Arts	Parliamentary Procedures	Event Planning

8. List the most important activities and community service projects you have participated in during the last three years through 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, or FBY.

9. On which Jr. Fair Departments do you feel you are most qualified/interested to serve?

**A DEPARTMENTS: (Mark 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> choice)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Swine  
\_\_\_\_\_ Horse  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fowl  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dairy  
\_\_\_\_\_ Goat

**B DEPARTMENTS (Mark 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> choice)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sheep  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ag Products & Home Economics  
\_\_\_\_\_ Beef  
\_\_\_\_\_ Special Events (Sweepstakes Showmanship,  
King & Queen Ceremony)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rabbits & Cavy & Small Animals  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dog

Would you be willing to serve as a department chair?

Would you be willing to serve as a department assistant chair?

10. What exhibit(s) or project(s) do you expect to have at next year's Lorain County Fair?

11. Describe work you have done to assist the Jr. Fair Board in the past several years.

12. **IF YOU WERE A PREVIOUS JR. FAIR BOARD MEMBER**, share an evaluation below of your strengths and weaknesses as a board member, and identify competencies and skills that you will attempt to improve on if selected to the board for the upcoming year.

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### ADVISOR RECOMMENDATION FOR JR. FAIR BOARD

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying for the Lorain County Jr. Fair Board. His/her suitability for this position may be judged in part by his/her ratings on the following scale, with 1 being the lowest rating and 5 being the highest on each characteristic scored.

| <u>Areas Scored</u>                 | <u>Evaluation</u> |   | <u>Max. = 5</u> |   |   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------|---|---|
| Experience with Lorain Co. Fair     | 1                 | 2 | 3               | 4 | 5 |
| Leadership Skills                   | 1                 | 2 | 3               | 4 | 5 |
| Skills Working with Younger Members | 1                 | 2 | 3               | 4 | 5 |
| Work Ethic                          | 1                 | 2 | 3               | 4 | 5 |
| Maturity                            | 1                 | 2 | 3               | 4 | 5 |
| Dependability                       | 1                 | 2 | 3               | 4 | 5 |
| Role Model                          | 1                 | 2 | 3               | 4 | 5 |

I RECOMMEND RECOMMEND WITH RESERVATIONS DO NOT RECOMMEND (circle one)  
the student listed and rated above for membership on the Lorain County Junior Fair board.

Additional comments about this applicant which would be helpful to the selection committee:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor's Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Youth Organization/Chapter/Club

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**DUE BY NOVEMBER 30**

**MAIL DIRECTLY TO: Lorain County Jr. Fair, ATTN: Sherry Nickles, 23000 Fairgrounds Rd.,  
Wellington, OH 44090**

Dear Potential Junior Fair Board member and parents,

Conducting the Lorain County Junior Fair takes a BIG commitment from ALL Jr. Fair Board members:

\*They are expected to attend a lot of meetings! The fourth Thursday of each month (except November and December) is a junior fair board meeting. Almost every Thursday starting the last week of July through fair there are meetings. They will be helping with pre-fair activities such as animal weigh-ins, judgments, clinics, etc. Parents will need to support members in getting them to where they need to be or calling the right people to be excused.

\*Members are each required to work a minimum of 20 hours at the fairgrounds during the two work weeks prior to county fair. This is to get the barns prepared (sweeping, cleaning, painting, repairing), set up pens, organize paperwork, and much more. They need to contact their department chairs about what needs to be done. They will work across departments. Quite often, members will work 40 hours during these two weeks prior to fair. We try to be as flexible as possible for jobs and other commitments, but we also ask that members put forth the effort to make sure the work is completed. Our goal is to be ready for fair by Friday evening before the fair begins.

\*There is one huge fundraiser. Members are expected to fully participate. Profits are used for materials, supplies and updates to the junior fair barns and office.

\*Members are required to turn in a lot of paperwork including placings and awards, animal weights, etc. quickly after a show or event has been conducted. These are communicated to other departments and to the media. It is also important in order to pay out the correct cash premiums by the senior fair board.

\*We realize a lot of schools and colleges start the week of the fair. It may appear we are asking more of those who are in school districts that haven't begun yet, but the help is needed.

The junior fair board experience provides members the opportunity to learn and excel in leadership, teamwork, social relationships, management, and problem solving. But as you can see, it is a large commitment! We hope you will see the long term benefits of being a member and will encourage and support your child becoming a Lorain County Junior Fair Board Member!

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Sherry Nickles,  
Junior Fair Coordinator  
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