



2024 Guernsey County Junior Fair Livestock Committee Membership Application



Name: _____ Club: _____

Select **one** membership type:

_____ 4-H Volunteer _____ FFA Advisor _____ Parent _____ Member

_____ Other (*please explain*) _____

Check **one** Jr. Fair committee you are applying for voting membership for January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024. Voting membership will only be permitted in **ONE** committee. You must be eligible according to individual committee by-laws.

_____ Beef	_____ Boer Goat	_____ Rabbit
_____ Dairy	_____ Dairy Goat	_____ Sheep
_____ Equine	_____ Poultry	_____ Swine
	_____ Other	

JUNIOR FAIR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

1. The committee membership year is **January 1 through December 31**. Committee membership applications will be accepted **October 1 through March 1**. Applications must be submitted by **October 21st** to be eligible for a committee officer position in the coming year. Mail completed applications to: *Guernsey County Agricultural Society, Attn: Junior Fair Committee, P.O. Box 208, Old Washington, OH 43768 or drop it in the mail slot of the Senior Fair Board Office door.*
2. To be eligible for committee membership, applicants must complete and submit the following documents as part of the Committee Membership Application: **Guernsey County Junior Fair Livestock Committee Membership Application, Junior Fair Committee Volunteer Information Form & Guernsey County Agricultural Society Volunteer Standards of Behavior**. All adult committee members must also successfully pass an Ohio Electronic Sex Offender Registration & Notification and National Sex Offender Public Registry web checks.
3. Only approved committee members will be eligible **to vote or run for office**, in accordance with committee by-laws. Approval is granted to eligible members who have met application deadlines and membership requirements.
4. Committee members must be approved prior to participation in committee meetings and activities.
5. Committee members must attend at **least two meetings** each year to remain eligible for membership the following year.

Guernsey County Junior Fair Committee Volunteer Standards of Behavior

These Standards of Behavior are accepted by volunteers who commit to a Guernsey County Agricultural Society (“Senior Fair Board” or “Junior Fair”) program as a condition of their volunteer status. The Standards of Behavior shall guide volunteer’s behavior during their involvement in Guernsey County Agricultural Society programs. Just as it is a privilege for Guernsey County Agricultural Society to work with individuals who volunteer their time and energies to the organization, a volunteer’s involvement with the Guernsey County Agricultural Society is a privilege and a responsibility, not a right.

The Guernsey County Agricultural Society provides quality educational programs accessible to all Guernsey County citizens. The primary purpose of this Standard of Behavior is to ensure the safety and well-being of all Guernsey County Agricultural Society program participants (i.e., members, their parents and families, professionals, and volunteers). Volunteers are expected to function within the guidelines of the Guernsey County Agricultural Society and the Junior Fair Livestock Committees. Guernsey County Agricultural Society volunteers shall act with personal integrity.

Guernsey County Agricultural Society volunteers will:

- Uphold volunteerism as an effective way to meet the needs of youth and adults.
- Uphold each individual’s right to dignity, self-development, and self-direction.
- Accept supervision and support from Guernsey County Agricultural Society and OSU Extension staff while involved in the program.
- Accept the responsibility to represent their individual committee and the Guernsey County Agricultural Society.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner, exhibit good sportsmanship, and provide positive role models for all youth.
- Respect, adhere to, and enforce the rules, policies, and guidelines established by their individual committee and the Guernsey County Agricultural Society.
- Not engage in abusive behaviors that physically or verbally threaten or harm any Guernsey County Agricultural Society program participant, including youth.
- Not engage in any act prohibited by law.
- Comply with all civil rights laws and policies.
- Perform duties in a responsible and timely manner as outlined in the position description.
- Immediately report any threats to the volunteer’s emotional or physical well-being to the committee and the Guernsey County Agricultural Society.
- Accept the responsibility to promote and support the Guernsey County Agricultural Society programs in order to develop an effective county program.
- Handle animals and operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment in a responsible manner.

I understand and agree that as a volunteer:

- I will report any child abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect.
- I will not intentionally or purposefully place myself in a position alone with a member of a vulnerable population, in a one-on-one situation, including, but not limited to sleeping quarters with participants.
- I will not, under any circumstances, physically, verbally, or emotionally abuse or fail to provide the basic necessities of care, such as food or shelter to participants.
- I will endeavor to provide a safe and healthy program experience for all participants.
- My volunteer status is subject to immediate suspension or termination based on any act or omission that the Guernsey County Agricultural Society determines to be contrary to any portion of these standards or otherwise in conflict with the goals of the Guernsey County Agricultural Society.

I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by the Standards of Behavior outlined above.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Junior Fair Livestock Committee Volunteer Position Description

Position Title:

Guernsey County Junior Fair Livestock Committee Member

Time Required

One year commitment

General Purpose:

Plan and conduct educational programs for 4-H and FFA members enrolled in livestock projects and exhibiting in the Guernsey County Junior Fair program.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Analyze community needs to plan, conduct, evaluate, and recommend hands-on experientially based educational programs for the youth and volunteers of the county.
- Assist with educational clinics, skillathon, workshops, fundraisers, and promotional events.
- Represent specific project area in advocating for youth involvement and volunteer support.
- Attend committee meetings and be an active participant in the committees' business, goals, objectives, mission and overall efforts.
- Assist in the recruitment and educational development of Junior Fair volunteers.
- Encourage broad participation from parents, members, families, and the community in Junior Fair programs and activities.
- Read Junior Fair, 4-H, and/or FFA mailings and access information from the Ohio State University Extension website to keep yourself and others you serve informed.
- Follow guidelines and policies of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Guernsey County Agricultural Society and Guernsey County Junior Fair.
- Inform Guernsey County Agricultural Society and Extension professional staff concerning training and resource needs of members or volunteers.
- Secure resources to conduct, promote, and expand the Junior Fair program.
- Promote favorable public relations and image for the Junior Fair program.
- Participate in educational opportunities to further knowledge and skills.

Qualifications & Expectations:

Ability, interest, and willingness to:

- Work with volunteers, 4-H and FFA professionals, the Guernsey County Agricultural Society and Junior Fair Board in an educational setting in a positive manner that promotes teamwork and collaboration.
- Effectively organize, delegate, and communicate (verbal and written).
- Motivate members, parents and other volunteers to assume leadership positions.
- Become familiar with and work within the philosophy and guidelines of the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the County Junior and Senior Fair programs.
- Successfully complete the Guernsey County Agricultural Society Junior Fair Livestock Committee Volunteer application process.

Guernsey County Agricultural Society and Ohio State University Extension Agrees to:

- Provide training opportunities to assist volunteers to meet needs of members and parents.
- Provide access to educational materials and resources.
- Have professional staff available to consult with and listen to volunteers.

Supervising/Mentor Professionals:

Guernsey County Agricultural Society and Guernsey County OSU Extension Professional(s)