

## Suwannee River Fair

### Student Ambassador Application

**Purpose:** The Ambassador program focuses on recognizing active fair participants for their diligence and exemplary leadership qualities. The selected students will serve as role models to younger exhibitors and assist the Suwannee River Fair Boards and Superintendents when needed. Suwannee River Fair Ambassadors are expected to be the 'face of the fair' regularly advocating for our program and its implications on youth development while making an effort to educate others on the livestock industry.

**Selection:** These applications will be reviewed by the program coordinator and the Suwannee River Fair Board at which point they will contact those top candidates for interviews. Once interviews are completed, those selected will be announced at the SRF Awards Ceremony (ideally 3 per county and 1 at large). If selected, you will be invited to serve a one year term. If you are interested in serving a concurrent year, please notify the program advisor. These will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_ FFA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Office held (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ # of years in: 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ FFA \_\_\_\_\_ SRF \_\_\_\_\_

Provide information for two references that we will send a survey to regarding your ability to fulfill this position:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

#### Eligibility Rules:

1. Must be in 10th grade or above during your year of service (can apply in 9<sup>th</sup> grade)
2. Must have a minimum 2.0 GPA
3. Must be able to travel and participate in evening and weekend activities under supervision of the program coordinator
4. Must be a bonafide and active member of a 4-H Club/FFA Chapter in Levy, Gilchrist, or Dixie County, as indicated by your advisor or county agent
5. Must dress appropriately when representing SRF at events (jeans, close toed shoes, and ambassador shirt)
6. If selected, you must attend several meetings for the ambassador team throughout the year
7. If selected, you must volunteer a minimum of 12 hours during all fair related activities

8. Ambassadors are not allowed to serve on the grievance committee

9. All Ambassadors will be required to obtain a Florida State Fair Ethics number during their term if they have yet to complete the courses

**Answer the questions below:**

1. What are you planning to participate in at the Suwannee River Fair this year?
2. How have you participated in the Suwannee River Fair in the past?
3. How are you involved in 4-H/FFA outside of the Suwannee River Fair?
4. What other extracurricular activities are you involved in throughout the year?
5. Why do you want to be an ambassador?
6. What skills or qualities can you bring to the team of Suwannee River Fair Youth Ambassadors?
7. What are your plans post-graduation?

## Code of Conduct

- Obey local, state, and federal laws.
- Possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs is prohibited.
- Understand and abide by all Suwannee River Fair rules.
- Respect all property, facilities, equipment, animals and vehicles. You will be responsible for any damage or other consequences resulting from your behavior.
- Act responsibly, courteous, and respectfully to maintain a safe environment for all participants. Acting in a manner that could endanger the health, safety or welfare of yourself or others is prohibited. Report threats to the wellbeing of any participant immediately to the adult in charge.
- Provide assistance to youth, parents, and volunteers where needed when actively involved in SRF programs.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
- Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful and positive manner.
- Make yourself aware of SRF related programs and activities and be an active participant.
- Appreciate and promote diversity in our program.
- Strive to establish and enhance your skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.
- Develop your potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.
- Be courteous, honest and fair with others.
- Make a positive difference in the lives of others.

I understand that failing to comply with the Suwannee River Fair Ambassadors Code of Conduct is grounds for dismissal from the program. I also understand that I serve at the pleasure of the SRF Board and program coordinator, meaning I can be removed from my position at any time for any reason.

Applicant signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Permission and support to participate as indicated by the signature below:

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor/Agent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_