

## **Suwannee River Fair**

### 2022-2023 Junior Fair Board Member Application

**Purpose:** The Suwannee River Junior Fair Board will serve the purpose of assisting the Executive Board in efficiently running the fair while providing insight on changes and developments that can be made to the benefit of fair participants. The Junior Fair Board provides recently graduated individuals that would like to support the fair an opportunity to give back to the community. Members will work diligently to develop new educational programs and improve upon current activities at the Suwannee River Fair. Those selected for leadership roles (1 per county) on the junior board will serve as delegates to attend regular meetings of the senior Fair Board.

**Selection:** These applications will be reviewed by the Executive Suwannee River Fair Board and up to 10 representatives will be selected (3 per county and 1 at large seat). 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, and will be extended to members in good standing from the previous year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name & Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

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

County Representing (Levy, Gilchrist, Dixie): \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Emergency Contact Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

List any medical restrictions/physical limitations:

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Due back to [jaltum@ufl.edu](mailto:jaltum@ufl.edu) or [suwanneeriverfair@gmail.com](mailto:suwanneeriverfair@gmail.com) by October 1, 2022

Eligibility Rules:

1. Must be between 18-25 years old
2. Must live within an hour from Suwannee River Fairgrounds and permanent address must be in either Levy, Gilchrist, or Dixie County
3. Members are expected to attend all Junior Fair Board meetings and the elected chair representatives will be able to attend the senior fair board meetings in a non-voting role.
4. Must be a dues paying member of the Suwannee River Fair Association (\$5 due at the September general election meeting)

How were you involved in the Suwannee River Fair prior to graduating high school?

How have you been involved since graduating?

List activities outside of the fair that you were involved in as a 4-H and/or FFA member:

What other time obligations do you have outside of serving on the board? (school, work, family, etc.)

Do you have a preference to assist during non-sale week or market week (or species preference)?

What committees/activities would you be interested in being involved with if you were selected to be on the Junior Fair Board? (Check all that apply)

- Fundraising** - will focus on developing tactics to raise money for the production of different educational programs and events throughout the year
- Merchandising** - will focus on coming up with a design for Suwannee River Fair merchandise and will be in charge of ordering and selling it at the fair
- Rules & Policies** - identifies issues or areas of improvement and presents potential solutions to the executive fair board in an attempt to institute the change
- Educational programs** - will work on the development of programs to educate youth on a number of skills related to the ownership, showing, and marketing of their animals
- Contest Development/Judging** - provide educational materials to fair participants looking to compete, develop clearer expectations of each contest, secure judges for events when needed, and solicit sponsors for awards when asked
- Set up/clean up** - will be reliable in preparing the fairgrounds in the weeks before the fair and contribute to cleaning of the facility afterwards
- Weigh in/check in** - check for record books, collect thank you letters, direct traffic, and contribute to simplifying the process of checking in projects/animals
- Show Day Facilitation** - ring stewards, line up assistance, ribbon distributors, class placing keepers, and personnel to assist in any needs of the superintendent to help the show run smoothly
- Buyer's luncheon** - serving and assisting with set up/tear down of this event
- Sale Day Assistance** - help running tickets, lining up exhibitors, setting up, and cleaning up

- Social Media**- creates content and support pieces for the social media page and website as needed to help keep the fair community engaged
- Awards Night** - decorating, setting up, and tearing down
- Other area of interest:** \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in being in a leadership role on the board? This includes presenting ideas to the Executive Fair Board, and serving in an ex-officio capacity (not voting member) at senior board meetings:

- Yes
- No

These 3 individuals (1 per county) will be selected by those appointed to the Junior Fair Board and will be up for re-election each year.

### **Code of Conduct for Junior Board Members:**

The following will result in **removal** from the Junior Fair Board:

- Disrespectful or unacceptable behavior towards other board members, volunteers, parents, animals or participants.
- Possession or use of drugs or alcoholic beverages on Suwannee River Fairgrounds or reporting to gatherings under the influence.
- Conduct endangering the life, safety, or health of any individual or group.

As a member, I understand it is my obligation to:

- Participate in the events/meetings to maintain eligibility
- Complete assigned projects in a timely manner
- Interact with other board members, volunteers, parents, and participants with respect
- Attend meetings and gatherings in appropriate attire
- Work directly with Executive Fair Board to address issues as they arise
- Serve my community and the Suwannee River Fair to the best of my ability while conducting myself as a role model for young exhibitors

I understand that failing to comply with the Suwannee River Fair Junior Board Code of Conduct or expectations is grounds for dismissal from the board, and that I serve this organization through the pleasure of the board so I can be removed at any time for any reason.

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