



## What is the Junior Fair Board?

If you are an outgoing teenager with an active interest in community involvement and take a special pride in the annual San Bernardino County Fair, then we are looking for you!

SBC Junior Fair Board members have the opportunity to learn about our fair and the fair industry, increase agriculture education to our guests, get involved with the community, participate in community service, expand your leadership skills and be involved with an amazing group of like-minded youth working to make our fair better each year.

The San Bernardino County Junior Fair Board is made up of High School students from San Bernardino County. Youth wishing to serve on the board submit an application along with letters of recommendation. After the applications are reviewed prospective members are interviewed by the advisory panel. Once selected to be on the Junior Fair Board, members serve a 2 year term.

What do Junior Fair Board members do?

- We serve as ambassadors for the San Bernardino County Fair:
  - During the year JFB members visit service groups (Kiwanis, Lions, Elks, Rotary, etc.) and give presentations on the fair and the Junior Livestock Auction.
  - We host a petting zoo and Farmer for a Day at the spring Home and Garden Show to bring agriculture to the public.
  - We participate in local parades.
- We help out in the community:
  - We work with Victorville Motor's at the Pathways to Success event.
  - We take animals and the Farmer for a Day exhibit to local elementary schools to expand agriculture education.
- During fair:
  - We attend the Opening ceremonies for the fair.
  - We help out in the livestock department assisting with shows by serving as ring stewards and handing out awards.
  - We put on contests in the livestock department as well as out in the fair for the general public including livestock games, mini & adult showmanship, fashion classes and on the last day of fair, Livestock Olympics!
  - We continue to bring agriculture education to the public through many different displays at the fair.
  - We shadow Board members and staff in their duties during fair.
  - We help out fair staff whenever needed.
  - We put on the awards ceremony at the conclusion of the fair for the junior livestock department.

The requirements are simple – you must currently be 14 years or older and enrolled in a San Bernardino County high school, reside in San Bernardino County or be a member in good standing with a 4-H/FFA Club/Chapter in San Bernardino County. Applicants must have a grade point average of 2.5 or better, and willing to make the activities of the Junior Fair Board your top priority up to and during the San Bernardino County Fair as well as a few events during other times of the year. Applicants need not be members of 4-H or FFA.

Applicants must submit an application and 2 letters of recommendation from adults not related to them (i.e. teacher, leader/advisor, community member). Letters of recommendation received must be in a sealed envelope that has been signed across the seal by the person writing the letter.

While many of the Junior Fair Board's activities may focus on the livestock end of the fair, appearances before local civic groups promoting the Fair as well as being available to the Senior Fair board and Fair management for local activities may also fall under the realm of responsibility.

Interested individuals may obtain an application at any of the County's high schools, at the San Bernardino County Fair website: [www.sbcfair.com](http://www.sbcfair.com), SBC Fair administrative office or by calling (760) 951-2200. Completed applications must be received at the San Bernardino County Fair office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2019, Attn: Nikki Wilson. Final interviews will be held at the San Bernardino County Fair Administration office board room within 2 weeks of when applications are due. Selected individuals will serve a term until September 1, 2021.

Be active part of one of San Bernardino County's largest annual events, the San Bernardino County Fair! Submit your application today – you'll be glad you did!



July, 2019

Dear prospective Junior Fair Board Member:

Thank you in advance for applying to the San Bernardino County Junior Fair Board and good luck! It is a great way to meet students from other schools and a wonderful way to serve in your community. Junior Fair Board members have a lot of fun, but the work is hard. The following is a brief outline of the duties and responsibilities of the Junior Fair Board so you and your parents know in advance what is expected.

Work will begin immediately after selection and meetings will be held monthly and then April and May, bi-weekly until the start of the fair. Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month beginning at 6:30 p.m. and last 1 – 1 ½ hours. During the Fair meetings will be held each afternoon to plan for the following day.

Work will begin in earnest the week before the fair starts. Members can anticipate missing some school during the week of the fair and will be expected to be available to work opening ceremonies on the first Saturday as well as being expected to help out with livestock weigh-in, and work in the show rings during the livestock shows. If you can't be around animals, this is not a job for you! If you have an animal at the fair you will work around your show times. During the week members will assist with School Tours during one day as well as livestock shows each day and special contests. JFB members will also run contests each day for fairgoers and/or livestock exhibitors during the fair. This is a very busy and tiring week. It is difficult to keep up the pace and your studies too. Even the best student's grades can suffer. You are expected to participate in everything so bear this in mind when you apply. Many JFB members who are exhibiting livestock are on independent study during fair for this reason.

Junior Fair Board members will be provided shirts and jackets with the fair logo but they must purchase dark blue jeans to be worn at all times while on duty. As representatives of the Fair, many people will closely scrutinize your behavior. Behavior deemed unacceptable by the Senior Fair Board or Junior Fair Board advisors or fair management may be cause for dismissal.

Interviews will be held at the fairgrounds board room within 2 weeks after applications are due. You will be notified by telephone as to your exact interview date and time.

We look forward to meeting you at your interview. Please have a parent or guardian sign below and return this with your application and two letters of recommendation to the San Bernardino County Fair Administration office. Letters of recommendation received must be in a sealed envelope that has been signed across the seal by the person writing the letter. This will verify that you and you parents understand what is expected of you if you are selected to serve on the San Bernardino County Junior Fair Board.

Good Luck!

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**San Bernardino County Fair**  
**Junior Fair Board Membership Application**

Due by 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 18, 2019

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Clubs and/or organizations active in (include offices held): \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do wish to serve on the Junior Fair Board?: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hobbies & Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you been involved in the San Bernardino County Fair before? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No.

If yes, in what way and for now long?:

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What project or ideas do you have in mind to further the activities of the Junior Fair board?

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Do you plan to have an animal at the 2020 Fair? What kind and how many? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your favorite aspect of the fair and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What could the Junior Fair Board do to improve the fair? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What additions or changes would you like to see at the fair? \_\_\_\_\_  
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How did you learn about the Junior Fair Board? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete each item as thoroughly as possible, using additional paper if needed. In addition, applicants must submit an application and 2 letters of recommendation from adults not related to them (i.e. teacher, leader/advisor, community member). Letters of recommendation received must be in a sealed envelope that has been signed across the seal by the person writing the letter.

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