



FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR 2024 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK VOLUNTEER MEMBERSHIP RULES

CHAIRMAN: Tiffany Lehman
Co-Chair: Dustin Black

You do not have to have an animal project to be a member of Junior Livestock.

1. To be eligible for membership for Junior Livestock Volunteers, students must meet each of the following requirements:
 - a. Live in or attend school in Fort Bend County
 - b. Be between the ages of 14 and 18 and must be enrolled in high school in the 2024-2025 school year (in 9th grade during the 2024 Fort Bend County Fair)
 - c. Be an active member of any Fort Bend County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.
 - d. Have parent/guardian permission
 - e. **Have membership application & Release of Liability forms completed and submitted for approval by the deadline set by the chairman. Chairman will set the deadline for signing up and will not extend for any reason.**
****Failure to turn in an application and release forms will result in automatic dismissal from JLV. ****
2. Official membership begins with the May meeting and continues through the Fair in October.
 - a. Chairman will call the first meeting in May. An email will be sent out in April from the Livestock Admin to all leaders informing one of the upcoming meeting and deadline to turn in an application for the Jr. Livestock Volunteers. All applications must be turned in prior to the May meeting to the Livestock Admin. Failure to turn in application before the May meeting will result in application not being considered.
 - b. All applications will be reviewed prior to May meeting to make sure all students meet the requirements. Membership status will be determined by Junior Livestock Volunteer Leaders **Membership is limited to 35 Members.**
 - c. Applicants will be notified if he or she has been selected to be a part of the Jr. Livestock Volunteers
 - d. All selected members must have a Release of Liability on file with the Fair Office before the first workday.
 - e. If you signed up previously and did not commit to working required shifts with no communication to Chairman, your application for the current year will not be considered. Chairman will notify you if you are unable to participate.
3. Meetings will be called by the Chairman and are held at the Fairgrounds.
 - a. **Each member is allowed 1 excused absence due to:** Work, school function, 4-H/FFA event, family/personal emergency.
 - b. Members must notify the chairman within one (1) day of the meeting of the reason for absence.
 - c. Automatic dismissal will occur if a member misses a meeting and does not notify the chairman.
4. While the Texas Education Agency interpretation on extracurricular activities (as distributed May 2, 1985, and detailed under Update Number 2 example 1 and explanation 6 on page 240) remains intact, the following rule must be in effect for the Fort Bend County Fair. Members must maintain passing grades in school to continue their membership. Grades are subject to verification at any time during the year and membership may be suspended due to **grades falling below 70.**
5. Members will be required to sign up for workdays, including tag in's, check in's, show's and check out.
 - a. Each member is expected to work a total of 12 shifts in events before, during and on the last day of the fair.
 - i. A total of 8 shifts can be made up of tag in's, workdays, check in's, shows and animal checkout.
 - ii. A total of 4 shifts are to be made up of office shifts during the fair.
 - iii. However, a member is not limited to helping at just 12 shifts. If there is availability for more shifts to be worked, the chairman will advise the JLV Members.
 - b. The work requirements may be adjusted accordingly by the chairman.
6. Members who cannot attend a workday or selected event, must contact the Chairman before the workday or selected event.
 - a. During the fair, members must sign in at the Livestock Office 15 Minutes before their selected show event and sign out after the event is completed.

7. **During the Fair, members are required to follow the dress code while working a selected event or working in the Livestock Office.**
 - a. Members are required to wear the shirt provided while working with JLV. Once the shift is complete, please change into another shirt. Shirts are to only be worn while working a selected event.
 - b. Shirt will be tucked in.
 - c. No Shorts are allowed. Please wear jeans.
 - d. Closed-toe shoes are required.
 - e. No hats.
 - f. No facial piercings or visible tattoos are allowed while representing JLV.
8. Have fun! Get to know fellow students apart of the Fort Bend County Fair Junior Livestock Volunteers.