

2023–2024 Oakland County Fair Junior Fairboard

Thank you for your interest in becoming part of the Oakland County Fair Junior Fairboard. We are excited about expanding the involvement of our youth in the planning, preparation and presentation of the annual Oakland County Fair. Candidates must be age 13 – 21 as of 1/1/24 (Fair age), and still showing as a youth at the Fair.

The purpose of the Junior Fairboard is to provide young adults with an opportunity to develop leadership skills, perform community service, become aware of the business and operations of the Oakland County Fair, and to act as ambassadors between the Fairboard and youth.

Requirements:

- Complete the Junior Fairboard application for the 2023-2024 term. **The application must be turned in to the Fair office no later than 4:00 pm on December 1, 2023.** You may mail it in, bring it in person or complete it online and email it.
- You must meet the age requirements stated on the application.
- If elected for the 2024 Oakland County Fair, the term will begin at the December 11, 2023 Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner & Fairboard meeting and it will run through the September 2024 Annual Fairboard meeting. You will receive a phone call from the Area Coordinator after the December vote to inform you of the voting results.
- You are invited to attend regular Fairboard meetings before Fair begins, but attendance is not required. We welcome you to attend all of them. You will be given a Fairboard meeting schedule once selected for Junior Fairboard.
- Attend meetings as needed with the Area Coordinator before the beginning of Fair to plan your activities. The Area Coordinator will be flexible with your schedules and try to schedule meetings such that all participants can attend.
- Attend one or more 7:00AM Fair Board meetings during Fair Week. Be prepared to share feedback from other youth or fairgoers.
- Be responsible for implementing selected area activities such as a pre-fair workshop, Daily Events activity or other activity to be agreed upon.
- Abide by the Fairboard Code of Conduct. Use appropriate dress, behavior, and language when representing the Fair. Conduct yourself in a courteous and respectful manner, exhibit good sportsmanship, provide positive role models for all youth and adults and act with personal integrity at all times. Appropriate dress does not include wearing the Fairboard “green shirts.” You will be given Jr. Fairboard shirts.
- You may be removed at any time during your term for inappropriate, unacceptable behavior or not fulfilling your duties.
- Have fun, enjoy Fair and learn a lot about what goes into making the Oakland County Fair a success!

Personal Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Email Address _____ Cell Phone _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____

Preferred Method of contact: Email Phone call Text

Best time to contact: _____

School you attend: _____

Sign me up for email updates: Yes No

Have you ever been a Junior Fairboard member: _____

Number of years as Junior Fairboard member: _____

Parents/Guardians Names _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell Phone _____

Reference Name _____

Reference Phone Number _____

Areas of interest. Please check areas that you are interested in participating.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit Hall | <input type="checkbox"/> Ribbons & Trophies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Dinner/Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship/Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraisers | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds/Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Companion Animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Other not Listed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daily Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality/Volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discovery Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Main Arena | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Office | |

1. Tell us why you would like to serve as a Junior Fairboard member for the Oakland County Fair.
2. What qualities, strengths and skills do you possess that would benefit the Oakland County Fair and Junior Fairboard?
3. Explain what changes or improvements you would like to see in the Oakland County Fair and how your ideas would benefit the Fair?
4. What benefits or experiences do you expect to gain by being a member of the Junior Fairboard?

5. If you are a former Junior Advisor, tell us about your experience- positive or negative!

6. Please list any organizations, community service projects or leadership roles you have held or participated in, at school, in your community, 4-H, etc.

Parental Consent Statement: I am aware that my child has elected to participate as a member of the Oakland County Junior Fairboard. If chosen, I am aware of the time and transportation commitments that are required to assure that my child fully participates as required.

Parent or guardian Signature

Date

Applicant Statement of Commitment: I agree, if I am selected as an Oakland County Junior Fairboard member I will attend all assigned functions. By signing, I indicate that I am willing and able to be an active participant as a Junior Advisor. I also acknowledge that I will be expected to abide by the Oakland County Fair Code of Conduct.

Oakland County 4-H Fair Association Code of Conduct

Fairboard Directors, Junior Fairboard, Fair Association Employees, Association and Committee Members, Fair Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents, Judges, and Volunteers will:

- Accept their responsibility to represent the Oakland County Fair with dignity and pride by being a positive role model for youth and all fairgoers.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, and exhibit good sportsmanship.
- Respect, adhere to, and enforce the rules, policies, and guidelines established by the Oakland County 4-H Fair Association and its Board of Directors.
- Abstain from and not tolerate physical or verbal abuse of people or animals.
- Abstain from and not tolerate foul language or obscene gestures.
- Comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws.
- Under no circumstances possess, sell, or consume/use alcohol and/or controlled substances, while at the Oakland County Fair.
- Under no circumstances attend or participate in an Oakland County 4-H Fair Association or 4-H activity with youth present while under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances.
- Accept the responsibility to promote and support the Oakland County 4-H Fair Association to carry out its mission statement.
- Care and manage all property and equipment both owned and rented by the Oakland County 4-H Fair Association with respect. Operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment in a responsible manner.

It is important that all Oakland County 4-H Fair Association Board Members, Junior Board Members, Employees, Association and Committee Members, Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents, Judges, and Volunteers comply with the Code of Conduct. Failure to comply with any component of the code, or participation in other inappropriate conduct as determined by Fair Association representatives, may lead to dismissal from Fair Association activities.

Applicant Signature

Date