

SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FAIR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

- **COORDINATORS:** Karen White (352)266-1797
- **PURPOSE:** To promote the youth of Marion County who participate in the various Fair events, to educate the public about the Fair, to help where needed throughout the Fair, to encourage participation and support from the Community, and to contribute to the Community by doing volunteer work.
- **TERM:** Ambassadors will serve a one-year term beginning in August to coincide with school year. The term may be renewed with approval of the coordinator. Ambassadors will meet monthly or as needed.
- **APPLICATIONS:** Applications will be considered year-round depending on program participation and the applicant's ability to meet the minimum volunteer hours as determined by the coordinator. (see #7 below)
- **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**
 - 1) You must agree to abide by the most recently adopted Rules and Regulations of the Southeastern Youth Fair.
 - 2) You must be a registered member of a Marion County 4H Club or FFA/FCCLA Chapter, as defined in the General Rules, at the time of application.
 - 3) You must have participated in the Southeastern Youth Fair a minimum of one year and participate in the upcoming SEYF.
 - 4) You must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and maintain it throughout the year. (Grades will be checked during the year.)
 - 5) You must have completed the 7th grade by the end of the current school year.
 - 6) If selected for this position, you must attend a minimum of 3 meetings.
 - 7) If selected for this position, you must serve a minimum of 22 volunteer hours as described below:
 - 10 hours of community service work on behalf of the SEYF.
 - 12 hours for Fair related activities.
 - 8) You must be able to travel and participate in evening and weekend activities with the supervision of an Ambassador Division Coordinator or Committee Member to meet the community service requirements.
 - 9) The program coordinators reserve the right to request the resignation of an Ambassador due to non-compliance with any of the above rules.
- **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**
 - 1) New Ambassadors:
 - a. The application form and attachments.
 - b. Two letters of recommendation. Suggestions for possible sources of recommendations include but are not limited to FFA advisors, 4-H leaders, employers, teachers, and local community members.
 - c. A copy of your latest report card.
 - 2) Returning Ambassadors:
 - a. The application form.
 - b. A copy of your latest report card.
 - 3) **The completed application package must be mailed or delivered to the Southeastern Youth Fair office by August 31st.**
- **INTERVIEW:** New applicants will be notified of interview day and time once all paperwork is received. Returning Ambassadors may be interviewed at the discretion of program coordinator. Be on time, dress neatly, and familiarize yourself with all events of the Southeastern Youth Fair. Give some thought to the qualities and skills that you can offer to the Ambassador Program.
- **UNIFORM:** Official dress while serving as a SEYF Ambassador shall be the [SEYF](#) blazer, white shirt, and khaki slacks. [A blue blazer will be provided.](#) The program coordinator will make the determination as to appropriate clothing for an event. The blazer will be returned to the Fair office immediately after the Fair. It is not necessary to clean the blazers before returning them. Anyone failing to return the blazer within 2 weeks of the Fair will forfeit his or her grant money for the year and will be removed from the program.
- **AWARDS:** Provided all the requirements have been met, depending upon funding availability a grant may be issued for each year the Ambassador has been in the program, to be given upon their graduation from high school.