

SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FAIR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

- **COORDINATORS:** Karen White (352)266-1797 Molly Rowe (352) 427-7878
- **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 upon acceptance into the program. The term may be renewed with approval of the coordinator. Ambassadors will meet monthly or as needed.
- **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** COMPLETED application packets for new and returning ambassadors must be mailed or delivered to the Fair Office by **August 29, 2017**. Packet can also be turned in at the mandatory meeting.
- **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 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. **It is preferred that students be prepared to commit more than one year to the Ambassador Program.**
 - 4) You must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and maintain it throughout the year. A copy of your most recent report card must be included with your application packet.
 - 5) You must be in the 8th grade or higher.
 - 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:
 - 8 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.
 - 10) The program coordinator reserves the right to limit the number of students participating in this program.
- **APPLICATION PACKET:**
 - 1) Returning Ambassadors:
 - a) The application form
 - b) Copy of most recent report card
 - 2) New Ambassadors:
 - a) The application form
 - 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) Copy of most recent report card
 - d) List of projects and events you have participated in at the SEYF.
 - e) List 4H and/or FFA activities/projects you have been involved in outside the SEYF
 - f) List other activities you are currently involved with during the year
 - g) Describe the skills and qualities you have that will serve to make you an effective Ambassador
- **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 Ambassador shirt and/or blazer and khaki slacks. The shirt and 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. Anyone failing to return the blazer within 2 weeks of the Fair will forfeit 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.