

# SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FAIR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

- **COORDINATORS:** Ashley Eavey (352) 572-5638 and Lynn Nobles (352) 895-5887
- **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. The term must be renewed by application.
- **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** **COMPLETED** application packets for new and returning ambassadors must be turned in to the Youth Fair office or mailed to the Fair Office by the deadline listed on the "Calendar of Events" on the website – [www.seyfair.com](http://www.seyfair.com).
- **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 exhibited in the Southeastern Youth Fair for at least one year.
- **EXPECTED PERFORMANCE:**
  - 1) You must participate in the upcoming SEYF.
  - 2) **It is preferred that students be prepared to commit more than one year to the Ambassador Program.**
  - 3) You must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 throughout the year.
  - 4) You must be in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade or higher.
  - 5) You cannot miss more than 2 meetings.
  - 6) If selected for this position, you must serve a minimum of six shifts as described below:
    - 2 shifts of community service work outside of SEYF week.
    - 4 shifts during fair week activities.
  - 7) You must be able to travel and participate in evening and weekend activities.
  - 8) The program coordinators reserve the right to request the resignation of an ambassador due to non-compliance with any of the above rules or inappropriate behavior.
  - 9) The ambassadors are expected to participate in ad sales or sponsorship for the SEYF.
- **APPLICATION PACKET:**
  - 1) Returning Ambassadors:
    - a) The application form
    - b) Copy of most recent report card
    - c) Incomplete applications will be disqualified.
  - 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 that will make you an effective Ambassador.
    - h) Incomplete applications will be disqualified.
- **INTERVIEW:** New applicants will be notified of the interview day and time once all paperwork is received. Returning Ambassadors may be interviewed at the discretion of the program coordinator. Be on time, dress neatly, and familiarize yourself with all the Southeastern Youth Fair events. Give some thought to the qualities and skills you can offer the Ambassador Program.
- **UNIFORM:** Official dress while serving as a SEYF Ambassador shall be the SEYF Ambassador shirt and khaki slacks. The shirt will be provided. The program coordinator will determine the appropriate clothing for an event.
- **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 graduation from high school.