



Champion Drive Buddy Application

The purpose of the Austin County Fair Champion Drive is to provide special needs youth in Austin County the opportunity to participate, first-hand, in a livestock show experience. Special needs youth will participate in a traditional multi-species show. Species will be identified by Austin County Fair Champion Drive Committee Members and will be based on the needs of youth participating in the event. Each youth will be assigned a “buddy.” Buddies will assist youth with the exhibition of the livestock projects. Each participant in the show will receive special awards and a photo with their buddy.

What is a Buddy?

“Buddy System” – Youth will be selected as a “buddy” by committee members. Those selected will attend a mandatory meeting prior to the fair to go over roles and responsibilities when working with youth with special needs. During this time youth will be informed of do’s and don’ts when working with special needs youth and remind them to be encouraging and make it fun for them.

Requirements for Submission/Acceptance: ***Only 60 students will be selected as Champion Drive Buddies and the Champion Drive Committee will have the final decisions.***

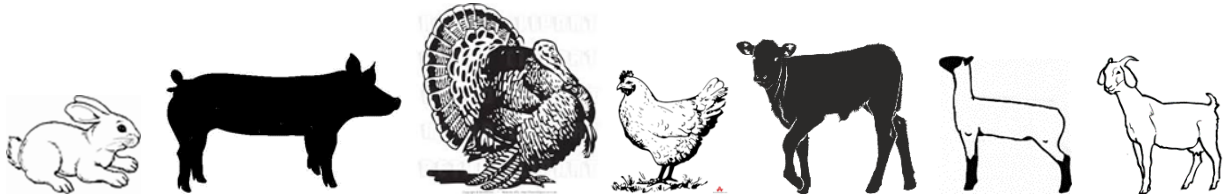
- All youth must be an active 4-H, FFA or FCCLA member in Austin County
- Youth must be in the **9th grade or older** to participate.
- All youth must in good academic standing (passing or as specified by school)
- All youth must completely fill out application and have submitted no later **4/19/2023**
- All youth must have parental consent.
- All youth **must attend a mandatory meeting prior to fair if selected.**

*If selected, buddies will be contacted and asked to join a GroupMe chat. GroupMe will be the main form of communication.

Please complete the Champion Drive Buddy Application and return to your Ag teacher or a Champion Drive Committee person by **April 19, 2023**. For any questions or concerns, please call Kellie Fitch at 713-826-6920, Megan Bartay at 979-877-5902 or Erica Winkelmann at 979-877-8659.



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Buddy Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Shirt Size (circle one): Adult: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Email Address: _____

School Attending for 2023-2024 school year: _____

Grade for 2023-2024 school year: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

*Have you participated in Champion Drive before? Yes No If yes, when: _____

*Have you ever been refused participation in any other programs involving youth or participants with special needs? If yes, explain:

*In just a few words, why do you want to be a Buddy? (You may use the back of this page.)

Buddy Applicant: By signing you agree and you certify that you meet the specific criteria to be a Buddy at the Austin County Fair Champion Drive and you agree to all the terms listed.

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: By signing you agree and you certify that you will support your son/daughter in participating in the 2022 Austin County Fair Champion Drive. You also give permission for their name and pictures to be used during the event and in media.

Date: _____