



Champion Drive Exhibitor Application

The 2026 Austin County Fair is fast approaching. The 99th annual fair will begin with the Champion Drive on Friday, October 2nd with all other fair events following through Sunday, October 11th. This will be the ninth year for the Champion Drive at the Austin County Fair and we are excitedly planning and preparing for the Champion Drive. This event will pair special needs students from our county with a “buddy” exhibitor and they will show at the Champion Drive Livestock Show on Friday, October 2, 2026.

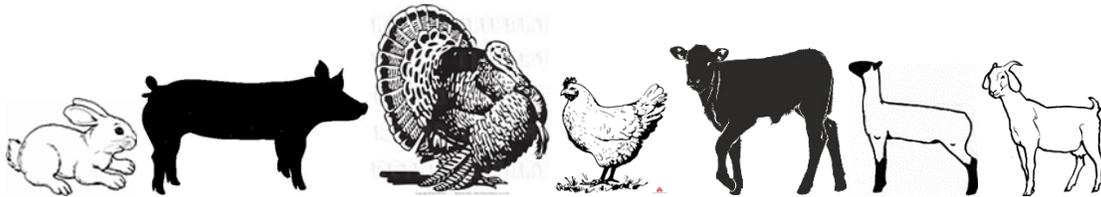
The purpose of the Champion Drive is to provide special needs youth in Austin County the opportunity to participate first-hand, in a livestock show experience. The Champion Drive is for special needs youth that are not currently raising a project for the Austin County Fair. Special needs exhibitors will participate in a traditional multi-species show. Species that we could use are pigs, bucket calves, rabbits, goats, lambs, chickens and turkeys and will be matched based on the physical and emotional needs of exhibitor participating in the event. Each exhibitor will be assigned a “buddy.” Buddies are 4-H and FFA members that will assist exhibitors with exhibition of the livestock projects. Each exhibitor in the show will receive awards, an exhibitor shirt, photo with their buddy and a catered lunch for all exhibitors, parents, buddies, teachers and sponsors. We are so excited to share the livestock showing experience with students that may have never ever thought that they could participate. We are even more excited to offer the opportunity to provide scholarship opportunities for exhibitors that might qualify.

Please complete the Champion Drive Exhibitor Application and return to your child’s teacher or the Austin County Fair office by

4/23/2026. 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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Exhibitor Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

School & Grade for 2026-2027 school year: _____

T-Shirt Size: Child: S M L XL

Adult: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parents or Guardians,

To ensure that your child has the best experience possible and is paired with the right buddy, we need a little background information.

*Is the Exhibitor considered "No Touch" with unfamiliar people? Yes No

*Is the Exhibitor affected by environmental triggers such as loud noises, crowds and/or dirt? Yes No

*Can the Exhibitor's first name be announced during the event and in media (example social media posts or newspaper article)? Yes No

* Can photos or videos be taken of your Exhibitor during the Champion Drive? Yes No

***Can the school personnel discuss or share your child's needs in relation to needs and participation in the Champion Drive to the Champion Drive Committee? Yes No**

***Insights to the Exhibitor:**

Tell us what your child likes/loves _____

Does your child pair well with a specific buddy or gender? _____

Things to avoid:

Triggers:

The Champion Drive Committee makes no guarantees that the animal selected will be available to Exhibitor, but we will do our best to accommodate. Please circle the animal you would like to show:

Rabbit Pig Turkey Chicken Bucket Calf Lamb Goat

Parent/Guardian: By signing you agree, you certify that you will support your son/daughter in participating in the 2026 Austin County Fair Champion Drive. Also, that you have read and agree with the policies in place for the Austin County Fair and Champion Drive.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Any other information that the Champion Drive Committee may need to know (such as physical limitations, verbal or non-verbal, use of a wheelchair, walker, crutches, etc., need for 1 or 2 Buddies):
