



## 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.

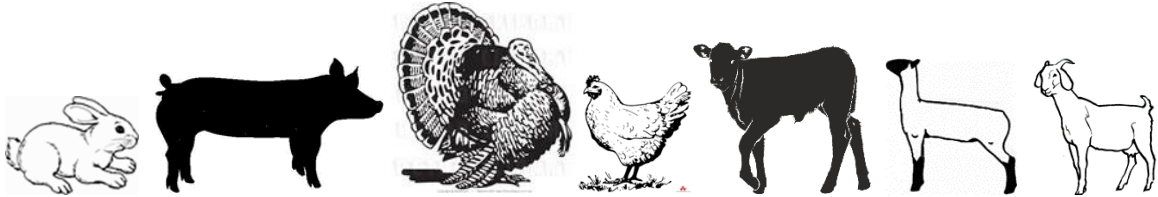
Requirements for Submission/Acceptance

- 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 than May 15, 2019.
- All youth must have parental consent.
- All youth must attend a mandatory meeting prior to fair if selected. This date will be announced after candidates are selected. (Tentative Monday, September 16, 2019 for informational meeting and Monday, October 7, 2019 for livestock show)
- All youth must have at least one letter of recommendation.

Please complete the Champion Drive Buddy Application and return to your Ag teacher or a Champion Drive Committee person by May 15, 2019. 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):      Youth: S M L XL      Adult: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending for 2019-2020 school year: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade for 2019-2020 school year: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Are you involved in 4-H, FFA, both, or FCCLA?  Yes  No If yes, which: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\*Are you interested in pairing with an exhibitor before the day of the show?  Yes  No

\*Will you be exhibiting a livestock project at the 2019 Austin County Fair?  Yes  No If yes, what will you be showing: \_\_\_\_\_

\* In which of the following areas would you like to volunteer (check all that apply):

- Buddy       Activities       Arena Worker       Photographer

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

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

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**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 2019 Austin County Fair Champion Drive. You also give permission for their name and pictures to be used during the event and in media.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please include your letter of recommendation to this application.\*\***