



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 45 students will be selected as Champion Drive Buddies and the Champion Drive Committee will have the final decisions.***

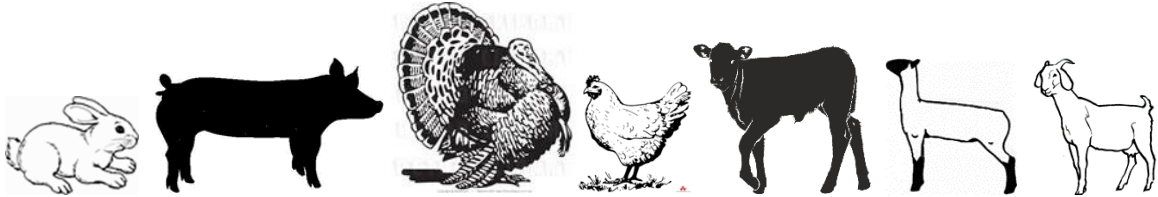
- All youth must be an active 4-H, FFA or FCCLA member in Austin County
- Youth must be in the **9th grade or older** to participate.
- All youth must in good academic standing (passing or as specified by school)
- All youth must completely fill out application and have submitted no later **than March 18, 2020.**
- All youth must have parental consent.
- All youth must have at least one letter of recommendation.
- All youth must attend a mandatory meeting prior to fair if selected. The first opportunity for the mandatory meeting will be at the hot dog social on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 2:30PM. If you are unable to make it to the hot dog social, you will be required to attend the make up mandatory meeting (date to be determined).

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 **March 18, 2020**. 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 2020-2021 school year: _____

Grade for 2020-2021 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 2020 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

