

AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION JUNIOR FAIRBOARD APPLICATION 2026

The purpose of the Austin County Fair Junior Fair board is the following: to promote the Austin County Fair by serving as goodwill ambassadors at events and the fair to support the Austin County fair by volunteering time and talents on various committees and supporting committees and Directors, and to bring ideas and a youthful perspective to the Austin County Fair Board of Directors. This service organization is designed for students with the utmost respect and dedication to our fair in order to serve their community and learn the inner workings of the fair.

The following are general membership requirements for Junior Fair Board Members.

- The member shall be entering their junior or senior year of high school, with a reliable means of transportation. (Austin County Junior Fair Board Advisory Committee is **not responsible for** transportation of members to and from designated events)
- The members will be selected through an application process, which may include an interview, and approved by the members of the adult advisory committee.
- Transportation is the member's responsibility.

Applications are due May 2, 2026, to the fair office.

All applicants for Junior Fair Board are asked to help with the Annual Shrimp Boil at the Austin County Fairgrounds on July 17, 2026.

Requirements for Junior Fair Board Members

- Members of the Austin County Junior Fair Board are to attend Junior Fair board meetings, fundraising activities, mentoring and including working at fair events.
- Dress code for Junior Fair Board members is a Junior Board Fair Board vest with appropriate jeans and shoes for the event.
- Assignments – Each member will be required to work the following events during the Austin County Fair
 - Specified Committee Shift
 - Opening and closing of Ag Venture Building shift
 - Youth Auction Sale – 3 hour shift
- Members should conduct themselves in such a manner as a public representative. Therefore, any public or publicized activity that violates the Junior Fair Board Mission will result in immediate dismissal.

Demerit System:

Being a Junior Fair Board member requires a great responsibility and time commitment. The following demerit system is in place to ensure that our board consists of members with the utmost dedication to our fair. *(Note: sporting events or other extracurricular events during the week of the fair are not considered an excusable absence for missing a shift. If members know they are actively involved in other events during the week of the fair, it is their responsibility to select shifts they will be able to fully attend.)*

- a. 1 Demerit:
 - i. Missing a required meeting or shift, without 24 hours' notice to adult advisory committee, and prior noted approval.
 - ii. Being out of Junior Fair Board proper dress code during shifts or official events.
- b. TBD Demerit and/or Automatic Removal:
 - i. Misconduct at school, meetings, the Austin County Fair, or in the community
 - ii. Acts unbecoming of a Junior Fair Board member, under the advisory of the Junior Fair Board Adult Committee
- c. Demerit Consequences:
 - i. One, signed and noted demerit will result in a fine of \$50 to the Austin County Fair Association for the cost of the Junior Fair Board member's vest.
 - ii. Two, demerits or demerits of severity, will result in a meeting with the Junior Fair Board Adult Advisory committee about the members' performance and could result in termination from the board.

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Candidate Thought Questions: *(These may be typed and attached to this application if desired)*

What qualities, strengths or attributes do you possess that would benefit Junior Fairboard?

What benefits or experience do you expect to gain by being a member of Junior Fairboard?

What conflicts do you have that may keep you from being able to work your assigned duties, responsibilities, before and during the fair?

What committees would you like to serve on? (Livestock - Heifers/Steers, Lambs/Goats, Poultry, Colt, Pen of Heifers, Rabbits, Swine, Livestock Judging, Floral Design, Stick Horse Rodeo etc.)

We have examined this application and find the information submitted true and accurate. We understand the demerit system.

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

County Agent, FFA, FCCLA Signature: _____

This application must be dropped off at the fair office.