



Fair Year 2008

35<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association  
Junior Fair Board Application

*"Come Rock with the Flock"*  
**Merced County Fair**  
**July 15-20, 2008**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of January 1, 2008: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level (2007-08 school year): \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street City Zip

If your mailing address is different than your home address, please write your mailing address on the back of this application.

Telephone/cellular: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please attach a separate page with your answers to the following;

1. Please list the current clubs that you participate in and list any community activities that you're involved with.
2. Why do you want to join the Junior Fair Board? Also, what do you know about the activities of the Junior Fair Board?
3. Is community involvement important to you? Why?

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Please ensure that you have provided all necessary materials with your application when you turn it in. Incomplete application packets will not be considered. Below is a checklist of required items for completion of your application packet.

- Completed and signed 2008 application
- An attached sheet with your answers to the above questions
- Current academic transcript (an unofficial transcript is acceptable so long as it is current)
- At least one letter of recommendation from an academic instructor, club advisor, work supervisor, or someone who has intimate knowledge of your extracurricular activities and work ethic
- Signed Photo Release Form (this will be used if your membership to the Junior Fair Board is approved)

The business office of the 35<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association/Merced County Fair is located at 900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Merced, CA 95341. Applications must be physically received at this location no later than 5:00pm on Friday, November 30, 2007. Applications may be hand delivered, sent via United States Postal Service, or other courier service (please send these ATTN: Junior Fair Board Advisors). They will be stamped as to the exact time and date of receipt. Applications received after the specified due date will not be considered. Facsimiles or electronically transmitted documents will not be accepted.

By signing and turning in this application, you acknowledge that you are able to commit to attending the monthly meetings of the Merced County Junior Fair Board, in addition to the work performed by the Junior Fair Board during the week of the 2008 Merced County Fair. Furthermore, you acknowledge that the Junior Fair Board Advisors and the Fair CEO reserve the right to extend the application deadline as needed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name

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Thank you for your interest in the Merced County Fair Junior Fair Board (JFB). This sheet will hopefully begin to give you a small understanding of the JFB, as well as what the expectations of JFB members are.

JFB membership consists of youth 14 to 19 years of age as of January 1 of the year of application. Candidates must live in Merced County and have a GPA of 2.0 or above.

The Junior Fair Board was established in 2002 and was based on junior fair boards that currently exist at several other fairs, both in California and throughout the United States. The Merced County Fair JFB aids and assists the 35<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association (DAA) in the promotion and operation of the annual Merced County Fair where their duties would include pre-fair setup in all departments of the fair and involvement in pre-fair activities. During the fair they would assist with fair visitors who may have special needs, the fair education program, barnyard tours, act as greeters at the gates, and any other duties as required. JFB members are considered extensions of the Merced County Fair Board of Directors, which is ultimately responsible for the venue.

Outside of the fair, the Junior Fair Board meets monthly to plan activities and to discuss different ideas for the fair. It is the Junior Fair Board's responsibility to ensure that it is doing its best during fair-time, so that visitors to the fair are encouraged to come back. The JFB is also involved in other 35<sup>th</sup> DAA sponsored events. In addition, there are dozens of opportunities to earn community service hours for graduation purposes. Nearly all Junior Fair Board activities, including fair-time and regular meetings, qualify as community service hours.

The Merced County Fair, 35<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association is an independent state agency established by law and governed primarily by the California Department of Food and Agriculture codes. The Association is governed by an appointed Board of Directors with the daily operations managed by a permanent staff of eight.

If you have any questions, please contact the fair office at (209) 722-1506.

# 5<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association Photography Release Form

This document confirms the agreement between you and the Merced County Fair regarding your participation in approved fair activities in which you may be photographed or videotaped (the Property) from time to time.

For valuable consideration received, you hereby irrevocably grant to the Merced County Fair perpetually, exclusively, and for all media throughout the world (including print, non-theatrical, home video, CD-ROM, internet and any other electronic medium presently in existence or invented in the future), in whole or in part, photographs or video footage taken of you as a result of your participation in approved activities of Merced County Junior Fair Board.

You hereby agree that you will not bring or consent to others bringing claim or action against Merced County Fair on the grounds that anything contained in the Property, or in the advertising and publicity used in connection herewith, is defamatory, reflects adversely on you, violates any other right whatsoever, including, without limitation, rights of privacy and publicity. You hereby release the Merced County Fair, its directors, officers, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of actions, suits, costs, expenses, liabilities, and damages whatsoever that you may hereafter have against the Merced County Fair in connection with the Property.

This agreement shall not obligate the Merced County Fair to use the Property or to use any of the rights guaranteed hereunder, or to prepare, produce, exhibit, distribute or exploit the Property.

The Merced County Fair shall have the right to assign its rights hereunder, without your consent, in whole or in part, to any person, firm or corporation.

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participants signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian (if Participant is a minor)