



LORAIN COUNTY FAIR
JUNIOR FAIR ADVISOR APPLICATION
Application Period: November 29, 2022 – December 21, 2022

Date Received

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Mailing Address: Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Length of time at this address (years): _____ Date of Birth: _____
(MM/DD/YY)

Home Phone: () _____

Preferred Method of Contact: _____

Work Phone: () _____

Best Time to Call: _____

Cell Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Are you a 4-H/FFA/Junior Fair Alumnus? Yes _____ No _____

Where were you in 4-H/FFA/Junior Fair? _____
(County/State)

Have you ever been a 4-H/FFA/Junior Fair Volunteer? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, how many years? _____ Where? _____
(City) (County) (State)

II. VOLUNTEER INTEREST

Why are you interested in an Advisor/Consultant Position? (use a separate sheet if additional space is necessary) _____

Type of Position Requested:

_____ Lorain County Junior Fair Advisor _____ Adult Consultant

III. INTEREST CHECKLIST FOR ADVISOR/CONSULTANT

What I Like to Do	A Lot	A Little	Not at All
Speaking to Groups			
Organizing Programs/Events (i.e, speaking or judging contests, etc.)			
Leading a Discussion Group			
Keeping Records and Doing Paperwork			
Typing			
Camping			
Contacting People			
Teaching Adults			
Teaching Youth (ages 5-8)			
Teaching Youth (ages 9-12)			
Teaching Youth (ages 13-20)			
Drawing or Sketching			
Presiding at Meetings and/or Events			
Serving on Committees			
Writing News Articles			
Appearing on Radio and/or TV			
Meeting New People			
Junior Fair Work/FFA Work			
Fundraising			
Developing Displays			
Serving as a Treasurer and Keeping Financial Records			
Working With Animals			
Set Up and Tear Down of Buildings			
We would be interested in any and all information on skills, training, or interests that you have:			

IV. PERSONAL REFERENCES

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please give date, nature, and disposition of offense: _____

Please note: A criminal record will not necessarily prevent an applicant from being a Junior Fair Advisor/Adult Consultant. A criminal record will be considered as it relates to specifics of the volunteer position for which you are applying.

References: List three persons not related to you who have knowledge of your qualification. Please provide complete addresses and phone numbers:

Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
	Relationship	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Address: _____	_____	_____	_____
(Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)

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(Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)

I authorize the contact of listed references and understand that I am required to submit a fingerprint criminal background check prior to final consideration of my application to volunteer. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of required information is just cause for non-appointment as a Junior Fair Advisor/Consultant. I understand that I serve at the pleasure of the Lorain County Fair Board and agree to abide by the policies, rules, and regulations of the Lorain County Agricultural Society, Lorain County Junior Fair, Ohio State University Extension, and Ohio 4-H Program and to fulfill the volunteer responsibilities to the best of my ability.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please contact us at (440) 647-2781 or cnikel@loraincountyfair.com if you have any questions or wish further information. Please return the application to:

Charisse Nikel, Office Manager
Lorain County Fair
23000 Fairgrounds Road
Wellington, OH 44090

V. REFERENCES AND EXPERIENCE

Do you prefer to work directly with: Youth _____ Adults _____ Both _____

If you prefer to work directly with youth, what age level(s) do you prefer?

Ages 5-8 _____ Ages 9-12 _____ Ages 13-19 _____ No Preference _____

Amount of time you are willing to commit to:

1-2 months per year _____ 6-12 months per year _____

3-6 months per year _____ Ongoing (year-round) _____

Previous work experience (list current or most recent experience first):

Employer	Position Title	Year(s)

Previous volunteer experience (list current or most recent experience first):

Organization	Volunteer Role	Year(s)

JUNIOR FAIR ADVISOR/ADULT CONSULTANT BEHAVIOR

These Standards of Behavior must be accepted by Advisors and Consultants who commit to the Lorain County Junior Fair as a condition of their volunteer status. The Standards of Behavior shall guide the volunteer's behavior during their involvement in Junior Fair programs. Just as it is a privilege for the Lorain County Fair to work with individuals who volunteer their time and energies to the organization, a volunteer's involvement with Lorain County Fair is a privilege and a responsibility, not a right.

The primary purpose of this Standard of Behavior is to ensure the safety and well-being of all Junior Fair program participants (i.e., members, their parents and families, professionals, and volunteers). Volunteers are expected to function within the guidelines of Lorain County Fair, Lorain County Junior Fair, Ohio State University Extension, and the Ohio 4-H Program. Volunteers shall act with personal integrity at all times.

Advisors and Consultants will:

- Uphold volunteerism as an effective way to meet the needs of youth and adults.
- Uphold each individual's right to dignity, self-development, and self-direction.
- Accept supervision and support the Lorain County Fair Board and staff while involved in the program.
- Accept the responsibility to represent their individual county Extension program and Ohio 4-H Program.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner, exhibit good sportsmanship, and provide positive role models for all youth and adults.
- Respect, adhere to, and enforce the rules, policies, and guidelines established by the Lorain County Fair, Lorain County Junior Fair, and Ohio State University Extension.
- Not engage in abusive behaviors that physically or verbally threaten or harm any participant, parent, family member, or guest.
- Not engage in any act prohibited by law.
- Comply with all civil rights laws and policies, including but not limited to OSUE equal opportunity, anti-discrimination laws, and program participant policy.
- Perform duties in a responsible and timely manner as outlined in the position description.
- Immediately report any threats to any participant, parent, family member, or volunteer's emotional or physical well-being to the Lorain County Fair Board or Junior Fair Coordinator.
- Accept the responsibility to promote and support Junior Fair programs in order to develop an effective county, state, and national program.
- Handle animals and operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment in a responsible manner.
- Not consume any alcoholic beverages or tobacco product while working as an Advisor or Consultant.

I understand and agree that as a volunteer:

- In accordance with Ohio State University policy, *Self-Disclosure of Criminal Convictions Policy 4.17*, I am required to self-disclose criminal convictions within three business days of the conviction.

- I will uphold and support the responsible and lawful use of social media. In so doing, I will not create or post social media content that is abusive, threatening, defamatory, obscene, harassing, or creates a hostile environment.
- I will report any child abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect in accordance with established policy.
- I will not intentionally or purposefully place myself in a position alone with a member of a vulnerable population in a one-on-one situation, including, but not limited to, sleeping quarters with participants.
- I will not, under any circumstances, physically, verbally, or emotionally abuse or fail to provide the basic necessities of care, such as food or shelter to participants.
- I will endeavor to provide a safe and healthy program experience for all participants.
- My volunteer status is subject to immediate suspension or termination based on any act or omission that Lorain County Fair determines to be contrary to any portion of these standards or otherwise in conflict with established goals of the Lorain County Fair Board.

I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by the **VOLUNTEER STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR** outlined above.

Applicant Signature

Date