



Extension
ELKHART COUNTY

FAIR BOARD APPRENTICESHIP 4-H ACTIVITY APPLICATION

Date _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

SCHOOL GRADE _____ AGE _____ YEARS IN 4-H _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Do you have a valid driver's license? _____

Do you have access to transportation? _____

In which 4-H clubs have you been involved? _____

What 4-H offices have you held (in which 4-H clubs)? _____

What 4-H and other activities have you assisted with or coordinated? Give details. _____

Why do you want to be in the Fair Board Apprenticeship 4-H Activity? _____

In what aspects of the Elkhart County 4-H Fair are you interested? _____

Fair Board meetings are held at 7:30 a.m. each morning of the Fair. How many other hours, in addition to the meetings, could you devote to apprenticeship duties during the Fair? _____

Applications are due by the 2nd Wednesday of November.

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Fair Board Apprenticeship 4-H Activity

The Elkhart County 4-H Club Corporation in cooperation with the Elkhart County Fair Board developed the Fair Board Apprenticeship 4-H Activity in 1987. The purpose of the program is to involve 4-H members in learning about the Fair Board, working with the Directors and learning how the Fair is organized and operated. 4-H members learn leadership and responsibility to help them become future community adult leaders. This is an activity done on a volunteer basis.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must be currently enrolled in 4-H with two years past 4-H experience.
2. Applicants must be in seventh grade or higher.
3. Applicants should have access to transportation.

Application Procedures

1. Participants must submit an application by the established due date of the second Wednesday in November.
2. Participants must submit a letter of reference from someone of their choice who can speak on their behalf.
3. An interview process may be necessary because space is limited.
4. The Director will notify applicants of their status in a timely manner.

Activity Guidelines

1. Fair Board meetings are held monthly on the second Wednesday (January through June, weekly meetings in July, and daily morning meetings during fair week). Attendance at these meetings is highly recommended to increase the learning experience.
 - a. Incentive points will be awarded for attendance at these meetings (hats and badges, parking passes, track seating, etc. are examples of awards to be earned).
 - b. If the pre-fair meeting cannot be attended, the Director should be contacted by the 6:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.
 - c. If a morning Fair Board meeting cannot be attended, then a dated note should be left on the Director's message board indicating why you cannot attend.

2. **4-H OBLIGATIONS COME FIRST!** Participants must provide the Director with their 4-H schedule and availability by the second Wednesday in July. This will allow the Director time to assign duties from the schedule. Failure to turn in a schedule will result in losing a privilege that those who submit a schedule receive. You will also be assigned to perform duties that still remain to be filled. Your personal duty schedule will be returned to you on the Wednesday before Fair begins. It is your responsibility to pick up your schedule that night so that any needed changes can be made as soon as possible.
3. Apprentices will arrive at their assigned Fair duties prior to the scheduled event. We realize that conflicts do arise. If you cannot be at your assigned duty, you must find another apprentice to take your place. You must then notify the Director of any changes.
4. As a representative of the Fair Board, apprentices are expected to follow the Behavioral Expectations criteria for 4-H Events and Activities listed in the Elkhart County 4-H Handbook. The 4-H'er and their parent or guardian will sign the Behavioral Expectations form for 4-H Events and Activities contract and also a permission slip to be involved in the Apprenticeship Activity. These forms are due the second Wednesday of February.
5. To promote and improve this activity, apprentices are to write a summary of their Fair Board experiences and submit it to the Director by the August Fair Board meeting.
6. All requirements must be acceptably fulfilled in order to be considered for the next year's activity.