



**DUE: Friday, May 2
5:00pm**

**Los Angeles County Fair Association
Junior Fair Board Leadership Program
Application Information**

Part 1: Junior Fair Board FAQ

1. What is the Los Angeles County Fair Association Junior Fair Board Leadership Program?

The Junior Fair Board Leadership Program, a program of The Learning Centers at Fairplex, is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Fair Association and private donors. The program seeks to honor the exemplary achievements of local high school sophomores and juniors. In addition to receiving a \$2,000 scholarship at the conclusion of their two year term, students selected as Junior Fair Board members will participate in special projects designed to enhance their leadership skills, business understanding, networking ability, and community involvement. Selected students will be challenged as they grow and develop new skills that will enhance their understanding of themselves and the world around them. Many past participants have found that they discover new interests and skills which help guide them in their continued educational pursuits.

2. Who is Eligible?

High school students with sophomore status as of September 2014 are eligible to apply, provided that he/she meets the following qualifications:

- Presently enrolled in, and is on track to graduate from, one of the local high schools participating in the Junior Fair Board Leadership Program (see attached list).
- Has a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or higher.
- Plans to continue his/her education or training beyond high school at any institution of higher learning, accredited training, licensing, or certification program.

3. What are some of the benefits of being a Junior Fair Board member?

- A \$2,000 scholarship check will be presented upon fulfillment of all membership obligations and completion of the membership term (please see #9 for more information).
- Each Junior Fair Board member will have the opportunity to work with students from other schools, Los Angeles County Fair Association Board and Association members, Fairplex staff and community members.
- Junior Fair Board members participate in leadership classes.
- Junior Fair Board members participate in exciting community and Fair based projects.

- Members will have the opportunity to experience and learn about Fairplex, a historic event center that hosts more than 500 consumer and trade shows each year, as well as participate in the L.A. County Fair.
- Junior Fair Board members may be eligible for paid, part-time employment with Fairplex after the completion of their Junior Fair Board term. Junior Fair Board members are eligible for summer internship opportunities at Fairplex.
- Upon request, a letter of recommendation may be written upon completion of the membership term by a Fairplex staff member.
- Each Junior Fair Board member will receive a season pass to the 2014 and 2015 L.A. County Fairs.

4. When is the application deadline?

The postmark deadline for application packages is **Friday, May 3, 2014.**

5. Where do I send my completed application?

Applications may be faxed to (909) 865-4080, emailed to davila@fairplex.com or hand-delivered to the Fairplex Administration Office located at Gate 1 on the Fairplex grounds, 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91768. Packages should be clearly marked, Attn: Junior Fair Board Supervisor.

6. How are Junior Fair Board members selected?

Junior Fair Board members are selected based on the information submitted in their applications without regard to race, religion, color, gender identity, sexual orientation, ancestry or disability. Applications are judged blindly (without seeing the applicant's name or address) by the selection committee. Candidates must demonstrate an interest in leadership by showing examples of where they have taken initiative at school and within their communities. The selection process may also include an interview. The selection committee includes Los Angeles County Fair Association members, community educational leaders, distinguished community leaders and Fairplex staff. Committee decisions are final. Winners will be notified by mail on or before July 1, 2014.

7. What else does the selection committee look for?

Past awardees have come from many different cultural, social and economic backgrounds. Ideal candidates are those who have demonstrated leadership, initiative, and selflessness. The selection committee reviews the applicant's application packet in its entirety and seeks to select the students who are best qualified and most likely to benefit from the Junior Fair Board Leadership Program. Successful applicants are resourceful individuals who have shown a clear interest in their community and the initiative necessary to pursue their goals with conviction.

8. How can Junior Fair Board scholarships be used?

Winners may use scholarship funds for tuition, fees, books and supplies necessary for course instruction at accredited post-high school institutions. In order to receive this scholarship, members must actively participate in Junior Fair Board projects, attend required events and meetings, and contribute to the success of the program for all

involved. Members will receive their scholarship check upon successful completion of the membership term(s).

9. When does the Junior Fair Board Program Term begin and how long does the term last?

The term for students selected to participate in the Junior Fair Board Program will begin in July. For students entering the program at the end of their sophomore year, the entire term will last for two years (their junior & senior years), from July 2014 – June 2016, and they are eligible for \$2,000 at the end of their two-year term).

10. How many Junior Fair Board members are selected?

17 students coming to us from different high schools will be selected for the 2014-2016 class. The committee generally selects one student from each participating school for a total of two students (one returning student and one new student) for each school.

11. What does the year look like for a Junior Fair Board member?

Selected students participate in monthly board meetings and workshops as well as special projects throughout the year. An average student will commit about 8 hours a month to the JFB leadership program.

Part 2: Junior Fair Board Application Instructions

1. **Application Form:** The application form below must be fully completed in order to be considered for Junior Fair Board membership. Preferably type written (except signatures). **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed!!**
2. **Essay & Short Answer:** Essay and short answer questions should clearly address the specific questions listed. Statements should demonstrate specific instances in which leadership, organization and community service played critical roles. **Essay should not exceed two double-spaced pages (12 point font, 1 inch margins).**

The personal essay is an important part of the selection committee's focus. The committee looks for clearly written discussion of significant activities that have produced **meaningful** results (and not merely a list of accolades or achievements).

3. **Recommendations:** All applicants must include **two** recommendations with their application. Please use the recommendation forms provided. At least one recommendation should be from someone who is not your teacher. The selection committee prefers to see recommendations from: coaches, youth group leaders, community service group advisors, club advisors, etc.
4. **Official Transcript:** All applicants must include a sealed copy of their most recent academic transcript.

Application packets (clearly marked, "ATTN: Junior Fair Board Supervisor") may be delivered to the:

**Fairplex Administration Building (Gate 1)
1101 W. McKinley Ave.
Pomona, CA 91768**

Selected applicants will be notified in writing by July 1, 2014.

Please call Sarah Davila at (909) 865- 4266 or email to davila@fairplex.com if you have any questions.

Participating High Schools

Ayala High School
Bonita High School
Chino High School
Chino Hills High School
Claremont High School
Diamond Bar High School
Diamond Ranch High School
Don Antonio Lugo High School
Ganesha High School
Garey High School
Fremont Academy
Glendora High School
Palomares Academy
Pomona High School
San Dimas High School
South Hills High School
Upland High School
Village Academy High School
West Covina High School

**Los Angeles County Fair Association
2014 Junior Fair Board Membership Application Form**

Name _____	Age _____	Date of Birth _____
Address _____	City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Home Telephone _____	E-Mail _____	
High School Name _____	GPA _____	Graduation Year _____
Parent/Guardian Name _____		

I understand that if I am selected to be a member of the Los Angeles County Fair Association Junior Fair Board, I will be expected to attend all Junior Fair Board events and commit to making the Junior Fair Board program a success through my active participation. By signing below, I confirm that I am presently a high school student with sophomore standing as of the 2013-2014 academic year.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's signature _____ Date _____

How did you hear about the Junior Fair Board Program?

- ☐ Counselor
- ☐ Teacher
- ☐ Friend
- ☐ Flyer on Campus
- ☐ Career Center
- ☐ Other

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Applicant Number: _____

Selection Decision: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Notes:

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High School _____ Graduation Year _____

List all school/extracurricular activities (academic, athletic, community or social) and position(s) held:

Club / Organization / Team	Position Held

Please leave this section blank.

Applicant Number _____

2.75 GPA Requirement Met? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Citizenship Grades (O&S)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Application Complete? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Notes:

Essays (#1)

(Not to exceed two double spaced typed pages)

1. **Think of someone you know that is a great leader. Why do you think they are a great leader? What leadership qualities do they possess and do you possess any of those qualities or are your qualities different?**

Short Answer Questions

Answer the following question using complete sentences. Please limit each answer to 150 words.

- 1. Describe a challenge you have faced. How did you overcome the challenge and what did you learn or how have you changed from the experience.**
- 2. When working as a team, what roles have you played and how have you helped to motivate other team members?**
- 3. If you are chosen to be a member of The Junior Fair Board, what skills and abilities will you bring to the program? How could you benefit by being a member?**

Recommendation (#1)

Name: _____ Name of Applicant: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____ How long have you known the applicant: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Your signature constitutes your certification that your assessment is accurate and fair to the best of your knowledge.)

1. Please score this applicant in the following areas. (1=lowest, 5= highest)

	1	2	3	4	5	Unknown
Analytical Ability						
Initiative						
Written Communication						
Oral Communication						
Interpersonal Skills						
Integrity						
Maturity						
Self-Confidence						
Follow Through						
Time Management Skills						
Ability to Work in Teams						
Ability to Work Independently						
Respect for Others						
Potential for Growth						
Leadership Ability						
Interest / Passion for leadership						

2. What do you consider to be the applicant's most outstanding talents or characteristics?

3. What do you consider to be the applicant's chief weakness or areas for growth?

Recommendation (#2)

Name: _____ Name of Applicant: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____ How long have you known the applicant: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Your signature constitutes your certification that your assessment is accurate and fair to the best of your knowledge.)

1. Please score this applicant in the following areas. (1=lowest, 5= highest)

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