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To San Bernardino County High School Students:

If you are an outgoing teenager with an active interest in community involvement and take a special pride in the annual San Bernardino County Fair, then we are looking for you!

Applications are now being accepted for membership for the 2012 - 2014 San Bernardino County Fair Junior Fair Board of Directors, a group of outstanding San Bernardino County youth who serve as Ambassadors for the annual fair. Applicants need not be members of 4-H or FFA.

The requirements are simple – you must currently be 14 years or older and enrolled in a San Bernardino County high school, with a grade point average of 2.5 or better, and willing to make the activities of the Junior Fair Board your top priority up to and during the San Bernardino County Fair. Applicants must submit an application and 2 letters of recommendation from adults not related to them (i.e. teacher, leader/advisor, community member). Letters of recommendation received must be in a sealed envelope that has been signed across the seal by the person writing the letter.

The activities of the Junior Fair Board are varied and often time-consuming, but a wonderful way to meet new friends while becoming involved with your school, other schools, and the community. Throughout the year, you will join with the other members to promote the activities and ideas of the San Bernardino County Fair. During the fair you will team up to help with various events such as the Opening Ceremonies, Adult Showmanship competition, Chicken Olympics, Challenged Children's Rodeo, school tours, assisting in the livestock show arenas plus assistance to the Senior Fair Board and fair management and putting on contests for fair-goers.

While many of the Junior Fair Board's activities may focus on the livestock end of the fair, appearances before local civic groups promoting the Fair as well as being available to the Senior Fair board and Fair management for local activities may also fall under the realm of responsibility. The JFB will also be in charge of running contests for fairgoers during the San Bernardino County Fair.

Interested individuals may obtain an application at any of the County's high schools, at the San Bernardino County Fair administrative office or by calling (760) 951-2200 also available at [www.sbcbfair.com](http://www.sbcbfair.com). Completed applications must be received at the San Bernardino County Fair office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2012, Attn: Lisa Hogue. Final interviews will be held at the San Bernardino County Fair board room. Selected individuals will serve a term until January 31, 2014.

Be active part of one of San Bernardino County's largest annual events, the San Bernardino County Fair! Submit your application today – you'll be glad you did!

# San Bernardino County Fair Junior Fair Board Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

Clubs and/or organizations active in (include offices held): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Why do wish to serve on the Junior Fair Board?: \_\_\_\_\_  
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What project or ideas do you have in mind to further the activities of the Junior Fair board?: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you been involved in the San Bernardino County Fair before? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No. If yes, in what way and for how long?: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you plan to have an animal at the 2012 Fair? What kind and how many? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

November 14, 2011

Dear prospective Junior Fair Board Member:

Thank you in advance for applying to the San Bernardino County Fair Junior Fair Board and good luck! It is a great way to meet students from other schools and a wonderful way to serve your community. Junior Fair Board members have a lot of fun, but the work is hard. The following is a brief outline of the duties and responsibilities of the Junior Fair Board so you and your parents know in advance what is expected.

Work will begin immediately after selection and meetings will be held monthly and then once we are closer to fair, weekly until the start of the fair. Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month beginning at 6:30 p.m. and last 1 – 1 ½ hours. During the Fair meetings will be held each afternoon to plan for the following day.

Work will begin in earnest the week before the fair starts. Members can anticipate missing some school during the week of the fair and will be expected to be available to work opening ceremonies and weigh-in on Saturday as well as being expected to work in the show rings during livestock shows. If you can't be around animals, this is not a job for you! If you have an animal at the fair you will work around your show times. During the week members will assist with School Tours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday during the day as well as livestock shows each day and special contests. JFB members will also run contests for fairgoers during the fair. This is a very busy and tiring week. It is difficult to keep up the pace and your studies too. Even the best student's grades can suffer. You are expected to participate in everything so bear this in mind when you apply. Many JFB members are on independent study during fair for this reason.

Junior Fair Board members will be provided shirts with the fair logo but they must purchase khaki slacks and dark blue jeans to be worn at all times while on duty. Sweatshirts and jackets will also be available for purchase by members. As representatives of the Fair, many people will closely scrutinize your behavior. Behavior deemed unacceptable by the Senior Fair Board or Junior Fair Board advisors may be cause for dismissal.

Interviews will be held after applications are due. You will be notified by telephone as to your exact interview date and time.

We look forward to meeting you at you interview. Please have a parent or guardian sign below and return this with your application and letters of recommendation to the San Bernardino County Fair office. This will verify that you and you parents understand what is expected of you if you are selected to serve on the San Bernardino County Fair Junior Fair Board.

Good Luck!

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_