

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

Part I: Junior Fair Board FAQ

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

The Junior Fair Board Scholarship Program, sponsored by the Los Angeles County Fair Association and Fairplex, seeks to honor the exemplary achievements of local high school sophomores and juniors. In addition to a \$1,000 scholarship, students selected as Junior Fair Board members will receive 40 hours of practical work experience in a number of departments at Fairplex. These internships help students decide what fields of study they'd like to pursue as they continue their education.

2. Who is Eligible?

Any high school student with sophomore or junior status as of September 2008 is eligible to apply, provided that he/she meets the following qualifications:

- Is presently enrolled in, and is scheduled to graduate from, one of the local high schools participating in the Junior Fair Board Program
- Has a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a four-point scale.
- Plans to continue his/her education or training beyond high school in any accelerated training, licensing, or certification program or institution of higher learning.

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

- Members will receive an exciting opportunity for hands-on work experience at Fairplex, an historic event center that hosts more than 500 consumer and trade shows each year, as well as behind-the-scenes involvement with the 2009 L.A. County Fair (Sept. 5 – Oct. 4).
- A \$1,000 college scholarship check will be presented upon fulfillment of all membership obligations and completion of the membership term.
- 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 and Fairplex staff.

- Junior Fair Board members may be eligible for paid, part-time employment with Fairplex.
- Upon request, a letter of recommendation may be written upon completion of the membership term.
- Junior Fair Board members will receive season passes to the 2009 and 2010 L.A. County Fairs.

4. When is the application deadline?

The postmark deadline for application packages is Thursday, April 30, 2009.

5. Where do I send my completed application?

Applications may be mailed 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: Community & Government Relations Department.

6. How are Junior Fair Board members selected?

Junior Fair Board members are selected based on the information submitted in their applications. Candidates must demonstrate outstanding accomplishments, both in school and within their communities. The selection process may also include a personal interview. The selection committee includes Los Angeles County Fair Association members, Fair Association Board members, educational leaders and Fairplex staff. Committee decisions are final. Winners will be notified by mail on or before Friday, May 29, 2009.

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 initiative, leadership and selflessness. Most importantly, Junior Fair Board members should demonstrate excellence in academics and community service.

8. How can Junior Fair Board scholarships be used?

Winners may use scholarship funds for enrollment, tuition, fees, books and supplies necessary for course instruction at accredited post-high school institutions. In order to receive this scholarship, members must complete 40 internship hours at Fairplex. Members will receive their scholarship check upon completion of the membership term.

9. When does the Junior Fair Board Program Term begin?

The term for students selected to participate in the Junior Fair Board Program will begin mid to late June. The entire term will last one year from June 2009 – June 2010.

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. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- 2. Essay:** Applicants must submit an original, typewritten essay describing their most significant personal accomplishments. Statements should include instances in which leadership, organization and community service played critical roles. Essays **should not** exceed three double-spaced pages.

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

Please note that community service projects discussed in an applicant's personal essay may be completed after the application deadline, provided that the applicant has initiated significant involvement prior to that date.

- 3. Letters of Reference:** All applicants must include two letters of reference from individuals of no family relation to the applicant. One of these letters must be completed by a school official.
- 4. Official Transcript:** All applicants must include a sealed copy of their most recent academic transcript.

Application packets (clearly marked, "ATTN: Community & Government Relations Department") may be delivered to the Fairplex Administration Building, 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona CA 91768. Selected applicants will be notified in writing by May 29, 2009.

**Los Angeles County Fair Association
2009 Junior Fair Board Membership Application**

Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

High School Name _____ GPA _____ Graduation Year _____

List all school/extracurricular activities (academic, athletic, community or social):

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 or junior standing as of the 2008-2009 academic year.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's signature _____ Date _____

School Administrator's signature _____ Date _____

School Administrator's title _____

Please include the following documents in your completed application package:

- Completed Application Form
- Personal Essay
- Two Letters of Reference
- Current transcript verifying GPA

How did you learn about the Junior Fair Board Program? (Please check all that apply):	
Teacher _____	Career Center _____
Counselor _____	Other _____
Principal _____	
Friend _____	
Flyer _____	

Junior Fair Board Scholarship Program

Participating High Schools

- Ayala High School
- Bonita High School
- Chino Hills High School
- Claremont High School
- Diamond Bar High School
- Diamond Ranch High School
- Ganesha High School
- Garey High School
- Glendora High School
- Pomona High School
- San Dimas High School
- Upland High School