

## POPE COUNTY FAIR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

### BY-LAWS AND GUIDELINES

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To provide educational, development, leadership, and volunteer opportunities to Arkansas youth through participation in programs of the Pope County Fair and related activities.

**ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF AMBASSADORS** 1. Participate in media interviews as available. This is only to be done under the direction and approval of the Ambassador Coordinator and the Livestock Administrator. 2. Conduct "Ag in Action" educational tours during the Pope County Fair. 3. Serve as show assistants during the Pope County Fair. 4. Assist with set up and production of the Premium Sale held on Friday evening of the Fair. 5. Assist with the overall production of the Pope County Fair. 6. Perform any other tasks that are requested by the Ambassador Coordinator.

**REQUIRED COMMITMENTS FOR AMBASSADORS** Attend and commit to work a minimum of 15 hours annually with 5 of these hours worked prior to the start of Pope County Fair. Only official Ambassador Time Cards will be accepted for proof of work. They must be signed by an approved supervisor and turned in immediately to the Ambassador Coordinator or the Livestock Administrator. Ambassadors must wear their official shirt in order to receive credit for hours worked. Exceptions would include work days or training activities as noted by the coordinator. Shirts shall never be worn during exhibition. Ambassadors can only report up to 10 work hours per day. All Ambassadors shall conduct themselves in a businesslike professional manner at all Ambassador and Pope County Fair activities. Warnings may be issued (1) when an Ambassador is not willing to perform an assigned task without good reason; (2) for general lack of cooperation; (3) for behavior that negatively impacts the reputation of the Ambassador program or the Pope County Fair Association.

**JUNIOR AMBASSADOR MEMBERSHIP** 1. In order to be appointed, Ambassadors must be 12 years of age or older by the start of the fair. Ambassadors must be an active member of Pope County 4-H or Pope County FFA. Ambassadors must demonstrate good communication, leadership and organizational skills. The eligibility of Ambassadors expires when they reach their 20th birthday. 2. Interested 4-H and FFA members will be required to fill out and mail a Pope County Fair Ambassador Program application to Susanne Darter no later than August 1 of the calendar year. The Ambassador Coordinator, a Livestock Administrator, and one other Fair Board member will review and score applications. This committee may elect to interview selected applicants if they so desire. 3. It is the responsibility of the Junior Ambassador to care for the Junior Ambassador shirts. A dress shirt and one t-shirt will be provided to you. The dress shirt is to be worn after 5 pm.

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Application

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

Address/city/zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (day): \_\_\_\_\_ (evening): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school you attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle year in school 7 8 9 10 11 12 college

Club/chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s) or guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone for parent(s) or guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) or guardian(s) email: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H agent or vo-ag instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone for 4-H agent or vo-ag instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of interest (circle all that apply): Livestock Education Horticulture Pageant

Be detailed in the following answers and use more room if necessary.

1. Describe how you can contribute to the fair as an ambassador. Provide examples of skills that you possess which will bring positive influences to the junior ambassador program.

2. List activities that have helped to develop your leadership, communication and organizational skills and tell how they have done so. You may include school, church, civic organizations, 4-H or FFA activities, etc. in this information.

3. Describe how you have been involved with county, district, and/or state fairs and the influence that these experiences have had on your life.

4. Describe your future goals and how you plan to use the experience you have gained through fair projects to enhance your future.

5. Explain how you feel fairs are important to the future of agriculture and what role they should play in the agricultural community.

**A letter of recommendation from your 4-H leader or vo-ag instructor must be returned with this application.**

Return to: **Susanne Darter, 119 Brunhilde Lane Atkins, AR 72823**

Application must be postmarked or documented on or before **August 1, 2018**. Questions? Contact Susanne by phone or email. 479-641-7591 (best way) or [suzie\\_1964@hotmail.com](mailto:suzie_1964@hotmail.com)

No Late entries will be taken. No email entries will be taken all forms must be mailed to Susanne Darter