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Dear Youth Applicant:

Attached you will find the official application for the Junior Fair Outstanding Youth Award. Please read the guidelines, and review the application carefully before you begin to fill in the blanks. Please answer the questions with complete, yet brief answers. All applicants are being asked to include a photograph of himself/herself to be used for press releases. Applicants may apply for and represent more than one youth organization, if selected during the selection process. Please be courteous and allow your youth advisor enough time to complete your recommendation by the application deadline. Applications must be returned to the Canfield Fair Office, P. O. Box 250, and Canfield OH 44406 by July 15. Please mark the envelope: ATTENTION – Junior Fair Outstanding Youth Award.

Finalists will be reviewed and selected by a process determined by the Junior Fair Advisory Committee. These selections should be complete by July 26. Finalists will be notified by the Junior Fair, and will then continue with the final selection process.

Each youth organization finalist will represent their organization, and be recognized for their accomplishments during the Youth Day Ceremony, Thursday during the Canfield Fair. Each finalist will be presented special awards and recognition as Junior Fair Outstanding Youth. In addition, the top two Outstanding Youth will receive \$50.00 cash. If you have any questions, please contact the Manager of Junior Fair, Kim Moff at (330)-547-6633.

We wish the Best of Luck to all Youth Applicants!

Sincerely,

Kimberly Moff, Manager of Junior Fair  
Junior Fair Advisory Committee

Cc: Ward Campbell, Senior Fair Board Director – Junior Fair  
Bob Jarvis, Senior Fair Board Director – Junior Fair

# JUNIOR FAIR OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD GUIDELINES

## GOAL

The goal of the Junior Fair Outstanding Youth Award is to provide an opportunity to recognize outstanding youth who are involved in the seven Junior Fair Youth Organizations, which include Boy Scouts, Camp Fire, Girl Scouts, and 4-H, Future Farmers of America, Farm Bureau, and Grange.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be between the ages of 15 – 18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.
- Applicant must be an active member of the one of the seven youth organizations involved in the Mahoning County Junior Fair as listed above, but are not required to be directly and/or currently involved in Junior Fair activities. Applicant must reside in Mahoning County, or be a participant in the Mahoning County Junior Fair. All projects, activities, and leadership opportunities may be included from the time youth became involved in the youth organization. (Please list by priority, and be brief.)
- Applicant must type, print, or write in ink legibly. Applicant must include a photo of himself/herself to be used for media purposes.
- Applicant may apply through more than one youth organization.
- Applicants must include a sections requested in this application form. Applicant must contact a youth advisor to complete and return a letter of recommendation. Both the requirements of this application and the recommendation must be returned to the Canfield Fair Office by the stated deadline.

Junior Fair Advisory Committee will select two Outstanding Youth representatives to represent youth organization, and an alternate if applicable. All application forms will be returned to the Junior Fair. If an organization does not select two youth representatives, then they forfeit their positions and the Junior Fair Advisory Outstanding Youth Committee will review all of the applications from each youth organization to select youth to fill these vacant positions. There will be 14 youth as finalists for the overall Outstanding Youth interviews. The finalists' applications will be kept for review in the final selection process. Youth will be requested to participate in a personal interview to select the overall Outstanding Youth. The finalists selected from each organization must be present to represent their organization at the Youth Day Ceremony held Thursday of the Canfield Fair. They must also be available to represent their organization on occasion during the current and following year Canfield Fair, and during the upcoming year at parades and special events.

## DEADLINE

Applications and recommendation forms are due by June 30 to the Canfield Fair Office, as stated in the cover letter. Read thru the cover letter carefully. These applications will be kept on file for one year for our records.

JUNIOR FAIR OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Name:

Birth Date:

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Address:

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Phone:

County:

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Name of School:

Grade Completed:

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Organization:

Years Active:

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Name of Advisor Providing Recommendation:

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Phone Number of Advisor:

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Please Note: Applicant must use form provided. Please be brief in responses, however, an extra sheet can be attached for additional information if necessary.

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

We certify to the best of our knowledge that all facts in this application are true and correct.

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Applicant Signature

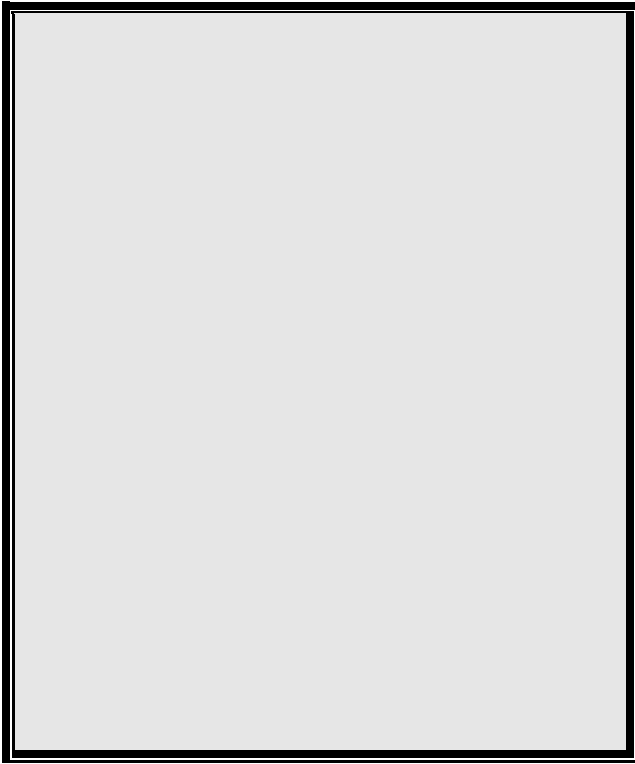
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Advisor Signature

Date

APPLICANT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ (Office use only)



PICTURE OF APPLICANT

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TOWNSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTACH PICTURE HERE

## I. JUNIOR FAIR YOUTH ORGANIZATION INVOLVEMENT

A – 1. Please list some key points to your involvement in your youth organization for which you are applying to represent. Also list some key points to your involvement in other youth organizations involved in the Junior Fair. Be sure to include specific involvement in the Mahoning County Junior Fair thru the organization(s) listed. Should not exceed one 8 ½ Sheet of Paper. Must be typed in 12 point text.)

A – 2a. List leadership positions you have held in these youth organizations. First list the leadership positions in the youth organization for which you are applying. Then list the other youth organization leadership positions you have held. Estimate and list the number of youth you served in these various positions.

A – 2b. List awards, honors, achievements, you have received in these organizations. Please briefly explain the purpose of the award received. . Please include county/state/regional involvement with your youth organization(s).

(Both A 2a & 2b should be typed on one 8 ½ sheet of paper in 12 point text)

A – 3. Briefly describe how you have worked to promote these youth organization(s) within the Junior Fair and in the community and your role in these activities. (Should not exceed one 8 ½ Sheet of Paper. Must be typed in 12 point text.)

## II. EXTRACURRICULAR ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES

List other youth organizations or school organizations in which you are active, and how long you have been active. List leadership positions, honors, awards, state/regional involvement for these organizations. (Should not exceed one 8 ½ Sheet of Paper. Must be typed in 12 point text.)

## III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

List & provide a brief description community service projects in which you have participated. Estimate the number of service hours involved in your project(s). (Should not exceed one 8 ½ Sheet of Paper. Must be typed in 12 point text.)

## IV. ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please complete the following essay questions. Your essay should include answers to the following questions and should be a minimum of 250 words and a maximum of 350 words.

How do you feel your experience in your youth organization has benefited you as an individual? How will you use the skills you have gained in your organization to improve your community? What are your personal short term and long term goals?

## V. ADVISOR RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATION

Applications must include a recommendation letter from one advisor of your choice that you have worked directly within your youth organizations. Please ask your organization advisor, to return their letter to the Canfield Fair Office, Attention: Junior Fair Outstanding Youth Award, P. O. Box 250, Canfield OH 44406 by July 15. Please do not ask a parent, guardian, or close relative to complete this form....ask another advisor from your organization. Make sure to have your advisor review your application, and certify your application by signing the space provided on the first page.

ADULT ADVISOR: Please review this application, and write a letter of recommendation as to why this youth deserves to be considered for the Junior Fair Outstanding Youth Award. Applications must be returned to the address listed above as stated. Please make sure to also have your recommendations submitted by this deadline. Please seal and sign the back of the envelope of your recommendation. Letters of recommendation should be completed on an 8 ½ sheet of paper in 12 point type.