2025 Yamhill County Fair & Rodeo Ambassador Application

Mission: The mission of the Yamhill County Fair & Rodeo Ambassador program is to provide a scholarship for higher education to outstanding young people and to perpetuate an appreciation for Yamhill County Fair & Rodeo history and tradition while promoting community outreach and volunteerism.

Ambassador's Responsibilities: Being selected as a Yamhill County Fair & Rodeo Ambassador is an honor and an outstanding opportunity; it is also a large responsibility. The position requires a time commitment and adherence to strict behavioral standards that, at times, may prevent participation in other school or personal activities. Please consider the following before applying:

- Ambassadors are public figures. Your words, your actions, and your past may be discussed by your school, the media and the community. As an "Ambassador", you are always "on the record." Think about what this means to you and your family before you apply.

- During the school year events will take place either after school or on weekends. During June, July and August you will be attending and speaking at events around the County promoting the Yamhill County Fair & Rodeo. Ambassadors will be responsible for their own transportation; being on time for every event is of utmost importance.

Eligible Candidates:

- Male or Female - unmarried
- Permanent resident of Yamhill County
- Be a graduating Senior this year or next year
- Have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA

Application Deadline and required contents:

- Deadline: Candidates must submit their application to the Fair Office (in person or postmarked) by 4:30 PM on February 28th, 2025.

- The address of the Fair Office is: Yamhill County Fairgrounds
  2070 NE Lafayette Drive McMinnville,
  OR 97128

- Candidates must obtain a sealed high school transcript from their school.

The application must include the following contents:

- Page 3 and 4 of this form.
- Page 5 Essay.
- Page 6 Signature of Applicant and Parent/Guardian.
- Two reference letters.
- Sealed high school transcript

Fair Ambassador Selection Process:

- Candidates will interviewed by a panel of judges and answer impromptu questions.

- Candidates should be ready to give a short speech (one to two minutes) about themselves to the judging panel, including information such as: participation in prior County Fairs, important school, job and/or community activities, college plans and career aspirations.

- Candidates will also be judged on the completeness of their applications.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the candidates:

Character (50%):

- Demonstrates good citizenship
- Is community-minded
- Is involved in school and other activities
- Shows desire to help others

Communications Skills (25%):

- Demonstrates good verbal skills, speaks clearly
- Expresses himself or herself appropriately
- Possesses creative speech content
- Maintains correct grammar
- Has good eye contact

Presence (25%):

- Is poised under pressure
- Is prepared for speech and interview
- Is enthusiastic, sincere, and comfortable with oneself
- Is appropriately groomed

All applicants will be judged in the same manner to select the three students who will be this year's Yamhill County Fair & Rodeo Ambassadors.

The three students chosen to be this year's Ambassadors will each receive $1,000 scholarships. The scholarship will be paid to an accredited college of the student's choice. Scholarships are typically used within one year of graduation, but the Fair Ambassador can request that the scholarship funds be used at a later time.

The Yamhill County Fair & Rodeo will provide Formal attire and casual clothing for the three Ambassadors either through purchase or sponsor contribution.

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Personal Information

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Permanent
Street Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Mailing Address
(if different than above): _____
Mailing address City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone:_____

Email address: _____

Birth date: _____ Birth place:_____

Parent(s) or Guardian's name(s):_____

Parent's Cell Phone(s): _____

Parent's Email: _____

Siblings: _____

Education

School: _____ Grad. Date _____ Current cumulative GPA: _____

References: ***Please include two reference letters with this application.***

FIRST – Relationship? (*someone who knows about your involvement in Fair or other activity*): _____

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Email: _____

SECOND – Relationship? (*someone who knows about your involvement in Fair or other activity*): _____

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Email: _____

Biography **- Any and all information on this form may be shared with judges, the media, and/or the public. Your answers must fit on this page.**

Name: _____ Prefer to be called:_____

High School: _____ Graduation date: _____

Higher Education Plans: _____

Career Plans: _____

Please list all your school-related activities, awards and recognitions: _____
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What other hobbies, special interests, or activities fill your spare time:_____
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Person you most admire and why:_____
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Volunteer activities in and out of school: _____
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What is the most important thing you discovered about yourself while in high school?
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What do you like most about the Yamhill County Fair and Rodeo? _____
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Essay Question

Please tell us, in 100 words or less, why you want to represent your school and community as a Yamhill County Fair & Rodeo Ambassador?

Yamhill County Fair & Rodeo Ambassador Rules and Guidelines

If selected to the YCF&R Ambassador program, I agree to the following rules & guidelines:

1. The YCF&R Ambassador program reserves the right to remove any Ambassador from the program for any reason, at any given time. This includes during the travel schedule and after travel is completed.

2. The YCF&R Ambassador program & participating schools reserve the right to take any action necessary to prevent conduct by Ambassadors that is potentially disruptive, may cause others to be disruptive, or potentially undermines the educational goal and missions of the schools and the program.

3. Ambassadors will not be in possession of tobacco products, drink alcoholic beverages, use drugs (other than prescription, to be conveyed to the Fair Board or Ambassador's Program Coordinator) or be involved in any illegal activities.

4. The Ambassador's term of service is from Announcement Day, approximately April 1st, through August 31st, approximately 6 months.

5. There is no runner up in the Ambassador program. If an Ambassador is removed or unable to serve his/her term for any reason there is not an alternate.

6. Ambassadors and their families must fully understand and agree to the time commitment of the YCF&R Ambassador program and always be on time. Transportation to all events is the responsibility of the Ambassador and his/her family.

7. YCF&R Ambassador activities take precedence over other commitments. Every effort is made to accommodate important personal events, however, Ambassadors may be asked to forego personal or extracurricular events as part of their commitment to the YCF&R.

8. While on official Ambassador business, the Ambassadors will travel as a group. If a member needs to excuse themselves for a few minutes, an Ambassador Committee member must accompany him/her.

9. Ambassadors will adhere to the Yamhill County Fair & Rodeo's non-commercialization policy. Public appearances and endorsement of any kind are prohibited without prior approval by the Ambassador Committee. Requests for interviews, photographs, appearances, public comment, etc., should be directed to the Ambassador Committee or Coordinator. This policy helps protect Ambassadors from potentially uncomfortable or embarrassing situations and protects the Program's sponsors' interests.

I acknowledge that I have a proven record of good citizenship and attendance, have never been convicted of a crime, have read and understand all of the above Rules & Guidelines, and agree to abide by them. I understand that I may be removed as a candidate for or member of the Yamhill County Fair & Rodeo Ambassador program if I do not meet these rules at any time after signing this application. I understand all decisions made by the Yamhill County Fair Board, Manager, Staff, my high school administration or youth program faculty are final. I certify that all information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Applicant Name (Print) **Signature** **Date**

I have read and understand all the above Rules & Guidelines, and understand the commitment required to participate in the Ambassador Program. I certify that all information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I give my permission for my son/daughter to apply for and participate in the Ambassador Program.

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Parent/Guardian Name (Print) **Signature** **Date**