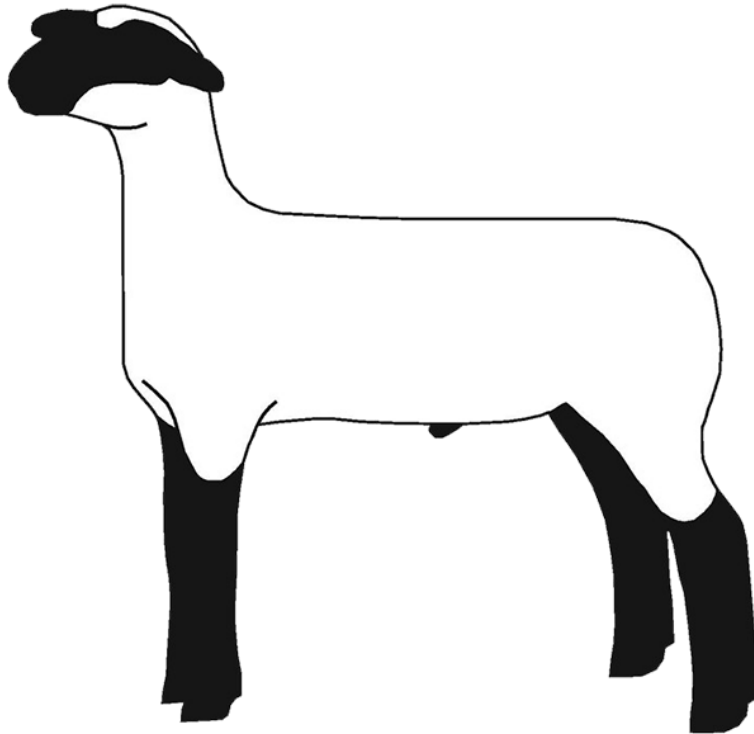


2023

STARK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR MARKET LAMB & BREEDING SHEEP RULES



STARK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR ENTRY FORM IS
TO BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY
YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ENTRY!!!

****DEADLINE IS JULY 28, 2023****

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

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SHEEP RULES 2023

JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Stark County Junior Fair operates under the authority of and in conjunction with the Stark County Senior Fair Board. The Junior Fair Board is a department of the Stark County Fair with its own objectives. These objectives, in many instances, require rules or guidelines that differ significantly from those of other Stark County Fair Departments.

Any boy or girl enrolled in a Stark County Youth organization is eligible to participate in the Stark County Junior Fair. They must abide by the rules/regulations and age limitations of said youth organization (4H, FFA, Grange, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.).

1. To participate in 4H activities, youth must comply with the State 4H membership policy. The 4H eligibility begins at age 5 (and in kindergarten as of January 1) and ends December 31 of the year in which they attain the age of 19.
2. Exhibitors in 4H classes must be enrolled in a 4H club in Stark County. Exhibits must be from 4H projects approved by the State or Local Extension Office.
3. All members are encouraged to show in open class events.
4. Health rules for the livestock exhibits are the same as those governing all open class exhibits.
5. The Board of Directors of the Stark County Agricultural Society will, to the best of their ability, safeguard persons, livestock and articles on the grounds, but will not be responsible for injury, damage, disease, theft or loss of any kind.
6. Animals released due to illness or injury must have a signed release from the Veterinarian, Junior Fair Coordinator and/or barn superintendent. Anyone who removes an animal without permission will be subject to a one (1) year suspension.
7. Members must clean stalls or pens by 10:00 a.m. daily and keep the area neat and attractive. The committee reserves the right to withhold payment if any exhibitor does not keep his/her area clean and/or feed and water livestock.
8. Anyone assisting with showing another exhibitors animal must be enrolled as a current 4H, FFA or another youth organization member in Stark County.
9. All animals must remain on exhibit at the fair until 6:00 p.m. on Monday, **September 4, 2023**, the last day of the fair, EXCEPT market animals. Market animals are released at 4:00 p.m. or at the discretion of the Marketing Committee. No cleaning of pens until all animals are released from barn. Check species rules.
10. All animals sold remain the property of the member and in the member's care until fair release time, at the discretion of the Marketing Committee or 4:00 p.m., Monday, **September 4, 2023**, the last day of the fair.
11. Animals sold are not eligible to be shown again by that exhibitor or any other 4H or FFA member in any Junior Show in the county or state or independent fair. All Grand Overall and Reserve Grand Overall Champion market animals are terminal.
12. Exhibitors are responsible for their own veterinary bill.
13. Veterinarians assigned to the fair will decide all matters of health, presence of disease and stall release.
14. Ribbons and suitable awards will be provided by the Fair Board. It is the privilege of the Fair Board to prorate cash premiums if the budget is exceeded.
15. Eligible youth may be members of both 4H (clubs) and vocational agriculture (FFA) or of either group. In all cases, separate and different projects (also different animals and/or products) must be carried in 4H

and in vocational agriculture by a member belonging in both organizations. Examples of different and separate projects are sheep breeding, market lambs, pullets, broiler. The same or similar animals or products cannot be shown in both organizations even though they may be carried under different projects or programs, an animal or product may not be shown in more than one county in 4H or FFA classes.

16. Stark County youth programs and the Junior Fair Board will not condone the use of alcohol or drugs by any of its members, volunteers or anyone else associated with the Junior Fair. The Junior Fair Coordinator, Junior Fair Board advisors, FFA advisors, Extension Office and the Senior Fair Board will contact parents or legal authorities to handle individuals caught using or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
17. In the event that a project animal dies after the designated possession date, members will not be permitted to replace the animal for the purpose of exhibition or sale in any Junior Fair event.
18. **All entries are due by midnight on JULY 28, 2023, by electronic submission. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
19. For all market animals that will be shown, grooming must be done by the Stark County Junior Fair exhibitor or the exhibitors immediate family (reference Ohio Administrative Code: Chapter 901-19(P))["Family" means the immediate family of an exhibitor, including but not limited to the exhibitor's parent, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter or guardian]. A current Stark County Junior Fair exhibitor may also assist. This includes all projects entered in the Stark County Junior Fair show during the Stark County Fair **August 29, 2023 to September 4, 2023**. Consequence of rule violation is no sale of animal.
20. No one is to handle a Junior Fair member's animal(s) without the permission of the Junior Fair exhibitor unless there is an emergency. Committee members may handle animals during the normal course of their duties (i.e., show, sale, weigh-in, pictures, loading, unloading, etc.).
21. Judges' decisions are final in accordance with other published committee rules.
22. Medical/School excuses must be submitted in writing to the Committee Chair and Junior Fair Coordinator.

It is **MANDATORY for ALL** Junior Fair exhibitors to attend a **QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) CLINIC** by **June 1, 2023** and complete a **DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF)** for all market animals and lactating dairy animals prior to the fair. Any Junior Fair exhibitor who does not attend a **QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) CLINIC** by **June 1, 2023** will not be able to show at the fair or bring a carcass.

Exhibitors must complete a **DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF)** prior to show. Those who do not comply **WILL NOT** be allowed to show. Mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture Ohio Revised Code 901-19-06 and 901-19-07. All members will be responsible for the care of their market animals until 4:00 p.m. the last day of the Stark County Fair, or until the drug withdrawal period elapses, or if quarantined.

SHEEP BARN RULES

1. All displays must remain intact until 5:00 p.m. the last day of the fair. At that time, all displays and decorations must be removed. Barn will be closed to the public at 4:00 p.m. or any designated time (per the Jr. Fair Coordinator/Auction Chair) for load out.
2. No pen cleaning during load out of the animals.
3. Absolutely **NO STAPLES** will be permitted to be used on the walls in decorating the sheep barn—poster boards or appropriate material may be hung from the wiring provided. If you do not clean out your

pen(s) or remove all of your decorations, you will not receive your check and you may be unable to show at the fair the following year. All pens must be cleaned out before **September 11, 2023**.

4. All lambs will be housed in the assigned designated areas for the duration of the fair. No lambs may be taken out of the sheep barn between the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. No one will be allowed in the barn between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. unless accompanied by a committee member or in the case of an emergency.
5. No one is to handle a Junior Fair member's animal(s) without permission of the Junior Fair exhibitor unless there is an emergency. Committee members may handle animals during the normal course of their duties (i.e. inspection, show, sale, weigh-in, pictures, loading, unloading, etc.).
6. No fans will be permitted in the barn except for fans that are provided by the Fair Board. *
7. Clean water must be available to sheep at all times.*
8. Sheep must be bedded with mulch, shavings, sawdust, or straw—but if using straw, you must have an absorbing agent underneath such as mulch, shavings, or sawdust. The only exception will be for wool sheep—if using straw there must be an adequate enough amount (i.e. no concrete showing). No carpets will be permitted.*
9. A sheep committee member will be inspecting all pens throughout the day. Pens must be kept clean and neat daily. *
10. The restraint of a lamb on a continual basis or unsupervised restraint of an animal in the pen is not permitted. Once a lamb is placed in the pen, the halter must be removed and not permitted to remain on the lamb unsupervised.*
11. All Market lambs, Born & Raised lambs, **and Bred & Fed lambs** must be in their pens by 10:00 a.m. on show day. Breeding sheep must be in pens by 8:00 a.m. on show day. *
12. All lambs must be kept in the immediate show area before and during the show.*
13. You are responsible for keeping pens clean and water buckets (with water) in pens by 10:00 a.m. daily. Failure to do so will result in your pen being tagged by the committee. In order to have the tag removed, you will need to see a committee member. On your second offense, you may be sent home OR the committee will clean out the pen and charge the exhibitor A FEE of \$50 per cleaning and that amount will be deducted from your sale check.
14. If you would like someone to be contacted to address any issues, **please provide preferred contact information on entry form** in the appropriate location.
15. All commercial advertising and/or sponsorships are at the discretion of the Senior Fair Board. No advertising and/or sponsorships will be allowed in the barn. Thank you to previous buyers are appropriate.
16. No tack space will be provided for show boxes. The only tack space you will have will be above your pen.
17. Barn Duty--All clubs will be responsible for cleaning the aisle ways of the barn during designated times assigned by the Sheep Committee or as requested by the Sheep Committee throughout the fair.

Violation of any rule is grounds for immediate disqualification

SHEEP PROJECT RULES (MUST COMPLETE MARKET PROJECT BOOK**)**

1. Any exhibitor taking a Beginner Market Lamb Project (first year) may secure and feed up to four (4) lambs for the **June 3, 2023 Tag-In, but may only exhibit two (2) lambs at the fair.** You may choose from any of the following categories: Market lamb, Born & Raised* lamb, or Bred & Fed* lamb (*if exhibitor meets the qualifications) to the fair with no more than one lamb in any of the listed categories. **NOTE:**

ONE (1) of the four (4) lambs tagged in on **June 3, 2023**, not used to exhibit, may be used for the Carcass class.

2. Any exhibitor taking an Intermediate or Advanced Market Lamb Project and having completed the Beginner Market Lamb Project may secure and feed up to six (6) lambs for the **June 3, 2023** Tag-In, **but may only exhibit three (3) lambs at the fair**. You may choose from any of the following categories: **Market lamb, Born & Raised* lamb, or Bred & Fed* lamb (*if exhibitor meets the qualifications) to the fair with no more than two lambs in any of the listed categories**. **NOTE: ONE (1) of the six (6) lambs tagged in on June 3, 2023**, not used to exhibit, may be used for the Carcass class.
3. Any recognized sheep breed, including crossbreeds, may be used as a project animal.
4. ALL SHEEP MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE USDA SCRAPIE TAG REGULATIONS! All sheep (including wethers) must have a scrapie tag at the **June 3, 2023** Tag-In and Weigh-in. All market ram lambs must be castrated before the **June 3, 2023** Tag-In and Weigh-in. There must be **NO** evidence of testicular tissue noticeable by show time. Due to possible continued growth of testicular tissue, clamping (pinching) as a means of castration will not be allowed. Banding or surgical removal will be the only options of castration permitted.
5. The use of drugs, tranquilizers, hormones, feed additives, etc. should be done with extreme caution and within local, state, and federal regulations. All losses, condemnation at slaughter, etc. resulting from the use or misuse of such products will be the sole responsibility of the exhibitor.
6. No lambs will be permitted to show in market or breeding class that have been subject to unethical treatment, such as but not limited to, dehydration, icing, cold compresses, injections, or other muscle enhancing techniques. All state and federal rules will be enforced.
7. Any use of a mechanical device such as drench gun, bottle, tubing, etc. or administering of medication to a lamb during fair will be cause for disqualified, unless approved/prescribed by the fair veterinarian and with notification to the Sheep Committee by the veterinarian.
8. All market lambs, including Carcass, Born & Raised and Bred & Fed, must be under one year of age.

Born and Raised (MUST COMPLETE MARKET PROJECT BOOK**)**

1. Bred ewes must be in the possession AND on the premises of the Junior Fair member by **November 1, 2022** and remain until the lamb is weaned. No exceptions. The lamb must be in the possession of the Junior Fair member from birth through the **2023** Stark County Fair.
2. A list of bred ewes and scrapie tag numbers must be turned into the Sheep Committee at **StarkSheepCommittee@gmail.com** by **November 1, 2022** in order to be eligible for the Born & Raised Class. ****PLEASE HAVE EWES IN A CLOSE PROXIMITY, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, TO EACH OTHER TO EXPEDITE THE FARM VISIT PROCESS.****
3. A committee member will contact you for a date and time for a farm visit to verify the scrapie tag numbers of the ewes previously submitted. The deadline for verification of the ewe scrapie tag numbers is **December 31, 2022**.
4. The lamb must be born on the Junior Fair member's place of residence or residence owned by **immediate family** [reference Ohio Administrative Code: Chapter 901-19(P)]["Family" means the immediate family of an exhibitor, including but not limited to the exhibitor's parent, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter or guardian]. (Any exceptions to "place of residence" part of this rule will be made at the discretion of the Sheep Committee based upon applications, which will be due **December 1, 2022**). ****If an exhibitor is found to be ineligible for the Born & Raised category, the exhibitor can use the lamb in the Bred & Fed (*if exhibitor meets the qualifications) or Market category. (See Sheep Project Rules #1 and #2 for number of lambs allowed.)**

5. A picture must be provided of the ewe, lamb, **and member** at your place of residence on day of birth to **Denna Steiner (330-904-0670), Lyssa Darrah (330-361-9488) or Latisha Camp (330-417-7885) via text or to be emailed to StarkSheepCommittee@gmail.com.**
6. Junior Fair members need to call or text **Denna Steiner (330-904-0670), Lyssa Darrah (330-361-9488) or Latisha Camp (330-417-7885)** as soon as your lamb is born, or at the completion of your lambing, to schedule your farm visit. Lambs must be scrapie tagged prior to the farm visit. ****PLEASE HAVE LAMBS TO BE TAGGED IN A CLOSE PROXIMITY, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, TO EACH OTHER TO EXPEDITE THE FARM TAGGING PROCESS.**** There will be a \$4.00 per head charge at the farm check when the Born & Raised animals are tagged. The deadline for lambs to be tagged for the Born & Raised class is **April 30, 2023.**
7. There is no limit to the number of lambs to be tagged for Born & Raised **at the farm.** (Please refer to Rule 1 and 2 under the Sheep Project Rules section for the total number of lambs permitted for the fair for Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced projects.)
8. All other market class exhibition rules apply including Sheep Project Rules, Tag-In, Weigh-in, Rate of Gain, Market Sale, etc.
9. Lambs shown in the Born & Raised market class cannot be shown in the **Bred & Fed** class or a regular market class or vice versa.
10. Market lambs, **Bred & Fed** lambs, and Born & Raised lambs will be declared at Haul-In. A Sheep Committee member will remove any extra tags at this time if necessary.
11. Champion and Reserve Champions will be chosen in the Born & Raised category. **Champion and Reserve Champion Born & Raised animals are not terminal UNLESS they choose to enter the final drive competition and win Overall Grand Champion and/or Overall Reserve Grand Champion—at which point the lamb will be deemed terminal.** If an exhibitor chooses to enter the final drive, their lamb **will sell** at their appropriate placement of the top **fifteen** lambs of the final drive after the Champions and Reserve Champions (i.e. Exhibitor chooses to enter final drive for Overall Grand Champion and/or Overall Reserve Grand Champion and places 5th in the overall final drive. The lamb would not be considered terminal and that exhibitor's lamb will sell after the Champions with the remaining 3rd-15th final drive lambs.)

****NEW FOR 2023****

Bred & Fed Rules (MUST COMPLETE MARKET PROJECT BOOK**)**

1. Bred & Fed lambs are to be **designated** at Tag-In.
2. Lambs **MUST** be born in Stark County. The breeder must sign an Affidavit stating the animal was born on their property and must list the Scrapie Tag number. This form is to be turned in at the June 3, 2023 Tag-In (or alternate Tag-in on June 1, 2023). You can find this form attached at the end of the rules. Please print the Verification Form out for your breeder to fill in. PLEASE NOTE: You must have a different form for each animal you are entering in the Bred & Fed class.
3. If a lamb was previously tagged at the exhibitor's farm as a potential "Born & Raised" lamb and is being exhibited by the family that owns the lamb, a Breeder Affidavit form is not necessary if the exhibitor chooses to use the lamb in the Bred & Fed category.
4. The breeder/scrapie tag number will be verified as a Stark County Breeder through the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. If the breeder/scrapie tag number is unable to be verified as a Stark County Breeder, the lamb will be disqualified from the Bred & Fed category.
5. All other market class exhibition rules apply including Sheep Project Rules, Tag-In, Weigh-in, Rate of Gain, Market Sale, etc.

6. Lambs shown in the Bred & Fed market class cannot be shown in the Born & Raised class or a regular market class or vice versa.
7. Market lambs, Bred & Fed lambs, and Born & Raised lambs will be **declared** at Haul-In. A Sheep Committee member will remove any extra tags at this time if necessary.
8. Champion and Reserve Champions will be chosen in the Bred & Fed category. Champion and Reserve Champion Bred & Fed animals are not terminal **UNLESS** they win Overall Grand Champion and/or Overall Reserve Grand Champion—at which point the lamb will be **deemed terminal**. Bred & Fed lambs **will sell** at their appropriate placement of the top **fifteen** lambs of the final drive after the Champions and Reserve Champions (i.e. Exhibitor enters final drive for Overall Grand Champion and/or Overall Reserve Grand Champion and places 5th in the overall final drive. The lamb would not be considered terminal and that exhibitor's lamb will sell after the Champions with the remaining 3rd-15th final drive lambs.)

Breeding Sheep Rules (MUST COMPLETE BREEDING PROJECT BOOK**)**

1. Your first year you may only take Beginner sheep breeding projects.
 - a. Beginner sheep breeding projects: Meat Ewe Lamb, Wool Ewe Lamb, Meat Ram Lamb, Wool Ram Lamb, Meat Yearling Ewe, and Wool Yearling Ewe
2. Your second year you may take Beginner projects as well as Intermediate projects.
 - a. Intermediate sheep breeding projects: Meat Yearling Ram, Wool Yearling Ram, Pair of Sheep (Wool or Meat—must be pair of Yearling Ewes, Yearling Rams, Ewe Lambs, or Ram Lambs), and ****NEW FOR 2023**** Aged Wool Sheep--sheep must be 2 years of age or older, but exhibitor **must** enter at least one wool project at fair.
3. Your third year you may take Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced projects.
 - a. Advanced sheep breeding projects: Ewe and Offspring (Wool or Meat—offspring must be under one year of age), Breeder's Flock (Wool or Meat).
4. You **MUST** take a Beginner project prior to taking an Intermediate project. You must take an Intermediate project prior to taking an Advanced project.
5. You are permitted to bring one (1) project per breed of sheep; **HOWEVER**, you may only have **ONE ENTRY PER CLASS**, except for Pair Classes.
 - a. (For example, as a Beginner, you may bring a Suffolk ewe lamb and a Shetland ewe lamb because one would be in the “meat ewe lamb” class and one would be in the “wool ewe lamb” class. You may **NOT** bring a Suffolk ewe lamb and an oxford ewe lamb because they would both be in the “meat ewe lamb” class.)
6. In the Advanced projects, you are permitted to show the same animals in the Advanced projects as well as the Beginner/Intermediate projects. However, please keep in mind Rule #5 that you are only permitted to have one entry per class (except for Pair Classes). For example, if you have the ewe and offspring project and the mother is a yearling and the offspring is a lamb, they can both be shown in the yearling ewe and ewe lamb classes respectively, **AS LONG AS** you do not have another entry in either of those classes.
7. Ewe and Offspring--The offspring must not be older than 1 year of age. The offspring may be a ram or ewe. The ewe may be aged.
8. Any exhibitor in need of assistance with a Breeding Sheep Project may request assistance from another registered Stark County Junior Fair sheep exhibitor. The exhibitor who owns the sheep must be the main person showing at the head of the animal. This rule does **NOT** apply to Breeding Showmanship—the exhibitor must show alone in their showmanship class.

WOOL (MUST COMPLETE BREEDING PROJECT BOOK**)**

1. Fleeces must be from a sheep owned by the Junior Fair member or parent/guardian. The sheep whose fleece you will be showing must be on the Junior Fair member's place of residence but does not need to be from an exhibited animal.
2. You **MAY** take a wool fleece your first year in a Sheep Breeding project.
3. Lamb fleeces are permitted and should be at least 2 ½ inches long. Remember, you are marketing your wool for hand spinners.
4. Each exhibitor may enter up to three (3) fleeces (including your first year). The fleece may be in the Fine, Medium, or Long categories, with no more than two of the same types of fleeces in each category. (i.e. you may have one Fine, one Medium, and one Long, or you may have two Fine, and one Medium—either for a total of three (3) fleeces. Fleeces should be placed in a clear, plastic bag, with **NAME, TYPE OF FLEECE/CATEGORY, AND CLUB NAME** attached to the bag. The wool will store better if stored in a cool dry place until fair time.
5. There will be four (4) wool fleece classes--Fine, Medium, Long Wool, and Colored. Judge will make final decision on which class the fleece will be placed. Wool Show will take place in the Grange Building barn on Thursday, **August 31, 2023** at noon.
6. All wool fleeces must be skirted. Fleeces that are not skirted to an acceptable standard may be disqualified. Disqualified fleeces will not be sold. Disqualification will be at the judge's discretion.
7. Champion fleeces will be assessed 8% of the sale price and Reserve Champion Fleece will be assessed 5.5% of the sale price. All other fleeces will be assessed a \$12.50 charge, as well as the buyer's photo fee for all, if necessary. All assessments are used for marketing, capital improvements to our sheep barn, clinics, programs, etc. for our exhibitors.
8. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to get pictures taken for their wool project. The date, time, and place for pictures will be announced closer to fair.
9. All Wool Project exhibitors must bring at least one Breeding Sheep Project from their appropriate Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced project level to fair.

Wool Breed examples:

**Fine Wool Breeds:* Merino, Rambouillet, Targhee, Cormo, Debouillet

**Medium Wool Breeds:* Cheviot, Columbia, Corriedale, Dorset, Hampshire, Montadale, North Country, Finn, Oxford, Polypay, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk, Baby Doll, California Reds, Jacob, Shetland

**Medium to Long Wool Breeds:* Lincoln, Romney, Wensleydale, Border Leicester, Blue Face, Coopworths, Cotswold, Gotland

PURCHASE/POSSESSION – LAMB

1. All animals must be procured and in the possession of the members by **June 1, 2023**. Fair entries are to be electronically submitted and due to the Stark County Junior Fair Office by **July 28, 2023**.

TAG-IN AT FAIRGROUNDS

1. All market lambs will be identified, ear tagged and weighed by the Sheep Committee on Saturday, **June 3, 2023** from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Stark County Fairgrounds. There will be a \$4.00 charge per

animal at the Tag-In. (See Sheep Project Rules Number 1 and 2 for total number of lambs.) Your carcass animal must come from these tagged animals. Lambs must be tagged on entry to the fairgrounds.

2. If any animal loses an ear tag, a Sheep Committee member must be notified within 72 hours so the tag can be replaced. There must be evidence of a fresh tear or the animal will not be re-tagged.
3. ALL SHEEP MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE USDA SCRAPIE TAG REGULATIONS! All sheep (including wethers) must have a scrapie tag at the **June 3, 2023** Tag-In and weigh in. All market ram lambs must be castrated before the **June 3, 2023** tag in and weigh in. There must be no evidence of testicular tissue noticeable by show time. Due to possible continued growth of testicular tissue, clamping (pinching) as a means of castration will not be allowed. Banding or surgical removal will be the only options of castration permitted.
4. All ear tags must be legible and clean at fair Tag-In. Stark County Fair tags and USDA scrapie tags are the only tags that are to be in the animal's ear. All other tags will be removed at Tag-In.
5. An alternate Tag-In date of Thursday, **June 1, 2023** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. will be provided to those exhibitors that have a **verifiable sheep-related educational/exhibition function only** on **June 1, 2023**. You must contact a Sheep Committee member to be scheduled for the alternate Tag-In date of Thursday, **June 1, 2023**. The Rate of Gain rule will be adjusted to include the additional two days.

CARCASS (MUST COMPLETE MARKET PROJECT BOOK**)**

Weigh-In: Monday, **August 21, 2023** @ 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

(MANDATORY POSTERS ARE DUE (USED FOR CONTEST ALSO!!))

(YOU MUST HAVE A COMPLETED CUT SHEET AT THIS TIME FOR PROCESSING!!)

Cooler Evaluation: Wednesday, **August 23, 2023** @ 5:00 p.m.

Above to be conducted at Don's Custom Meats, 7400 June Rd., Waynesburg, Ohio 44688

*****THE WINNER OF THE CARCASS POSTER CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT FAIR*****

1. All members entered in this class must be enrolled in a market lamb project. In order to receive awards, exhibitors must complete Market animal project requirements **including a Market Project Book**.
2. Champion and Reserve Champion and the next three (3) carcass animals will sell through the Junior Fair Auction in their respective placement. To receive a Junior Fair Carcass premium, members must make and display a poster in the sheep barn during the fair. **This poster should be no larger than 18x24, contain a carcass theme, and at least three relative carcass facts.** Posters must be turned in at Carcass weigh-in, and will be used as part of the carcass poster contest. **If the poster does not meet the above listed requirements, the poster will be disqualified from the poster contest.**)
3. Members will be permitted to exhibit one (1) animal in the carcass contest. Each exhibitor will sell carcass as freezer meat. It will be the sole responsibility of each exhibitor to find a buyer, negotiate a price, collect payment, and make sure that the buyers contact the processor (Don's Custom Meats) with directions for packing.
4. Champions will be assessed 8% of the sale price and Reserve Champions 5.5% of the sale price. In addition, lambs will be assessed according to the mandated lamb check-off when applicable. The third, fourth and fifth place carcass will be assessed \$15.00, as well as the buyer's photo fee for all, if necessary, from the sale price. The commission fee will be deducted from the proceeds of the auction. All assessments are used for marketing, capital improvements to our sheep barn, clinics, programs, etc. for our exhibitors.
5. Processing charges must be paid upon pick up at the processor's plant. The buyer pays these charges. Exhibitors of the Champion carcasses are responsible for the delivery of processed meat to the buyers.

6. All lambs entered and weighed must be slaughtered. (Any animal unloaded must be slaughtered within 12 hours.)
7. Carcass evaluation for lambs will be held at the processor's plant (Don's Custom Meats) on Wednesday, **August 23, 2023** @ 5:00 p.m.
8. Champion, Reserve Champion, and the next three (3) animals will be sold at the Junior Fair Livestock Auction, based on their live weight. **(See Overall Grand Champion/Overall Reserve Grand Champion section for sale order of top five Carcass lambs.)**
9. The Carcass contest will be held at Don's Custom Meats. There will be a kill fee charged for all carcass lambs. Exhibitor is responsible for payment of that fee.
10. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to get pictures taken for their Carcass project if they place in the top five (5) and will be selling their project at the Stark County Fair. The date, time, and place for pictures will be announced closer to fair.

SKILLATHON (MANDATORY)

1. All members exhibiting at the fair must participate in the Sheep Clinic/Skillathon. Skillathon will be held on Sunday, **August 20, 2023** from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Estimated time of completion for Skillathon is one (1) hour.
2. If you do not participate in the Clinic/Skillathon, you will be **unable** to show or sell your animal.
3. If you cannot attend the Clinic/Skillathon, it is your responsibility as the 4H member to notify the Sheep Committee and coordinate arrangements for a make-up. **If the exhibitor cannot attend the Clinic/Skillathon they will be ineligible for any Skillathon related prizes, including but not limited to Skillathon level prizes or Outstanding Market or Breeding Exhibitor prizes.**
4. Your up-to-date **COMPLETED** project book will be due at Skillathon and be a part of your overall Skillathon grade.
5. If any assistance with completion of the Sheep project books is needed, our Mentoring Program committee members are available for assistance. Please contact a Sheep Committee member if you are in need of assistance. ****PLEASE NOTE:** If the project book is not up-to-date at Skillathon or it is found that a previous year's project book is submitted, the exhibitor will be **ineligible** for any Skillathon related prizes, including but not limited to Skillathon level prizes or Outstanding Market or Breeding Exhibitor prizes.

HAUL-IN/CHECK-IN **9AM-1PM & 4PM-9PM**

WEIGH IN OFF THE TRUCK

1. All ear tags must be legible and clean at fair check-in. Stark County Fair tags and USDA scrapie tags are the only tags that are to be in the animal's ear. All other tags will be removed at Tag-In.
2. **All DUNF forms must be turned in to the committee** on Monday, **August 28, 2023** or submitted electronically as directed by the Sheep Committee or the Stark County Jr. Fair Coordinator, before your animal will be checked in. Water must be placed in the pen before you place your animal in the pen.
3. No animal may enter the barn without first being checked in by a Sheep Committee member. *****Please completely remove all blankets prior to check-in.***** The blankets may be replaced after check-in is complete.
4. All market lambs must be uniformly slick shorn before check-in on Monday, **August 28, 2023**. All lambs will be inspected at check-in. A committee member/fair veterinarian will inform you if your lamb doesn't meet the standard. Breeding sheep do NOT need to be slick shorn.

5. Exhibitor must declare which lambs will be entered into the Market lamb class, Born & Raised class, and Bred & Fed class at check-in. A Sheep Committee member will remove any extra tag at this time if necessary.
6. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be present to take pictures of your animals. Mandatory pictures will be **August 29, 2023** at 5:00 p.m. and the place for pictures will be announced closer to fair.
7. Market lambs weighing less than 90 pounds at check-in/weigh-in on Monday, **August 28, 2023** **WILL NOT** be permitted to remain at the fairgrounds and will be disqualified from any and all market lamb classes, except for Carcass.
8. Lambs weighing over 150 pounds and animals gaining less than .25 pounds per day from **June 3, 2023** to the fair check-in/weigh-in on Monday, **August 28, 2023** will be permitted to remain at the fairgrounds, but **WILL NOT** be eligible to place in the champion classes (Total=21.5 lbs.). (NOTE: If you checked in on the alternate Tag-In day of **June 1, 2023**, you will need to add an additional .50 pounds to make up for the additional two days, making your total=22 lbs. or you will not be eligible to place in the champion classes.)
9. Champion Rate of Gain will be assessed 8% of the sale price and Reserve Champion Rate of Gain will be assessed 5.5% of the sale price, as well as the buyer's photo fee, if necessary, from the sale price.

SHOW DAY

1. The Sheep Committee recommends collared shirts & hard shoes when showing. No hats will be accepted in the arena. Appropriate attire must be worn in show ring. Sheep Committee reserves the right to approve attire.
2. All animals exhibited must be shown for grading.
3. No Market lamb project may be shown in Breeding class and no Breeding project may be shown in Market class. You must show your own animal **unless approved by the Sheep Committee.**
4. Unless special assistance is needed, anyone assisting another exhibitor in showing his or her animal must be enrolled as a 4H member or FFA member, and/or be a current Junior Fair sheep exhibitor in Stark County.
5. Judge's decision is final. Final drive (Championship drive) format will be up to the discretion of the Judge.
6. All Market lambs, Born & Raised lambs, and Bred & Fed lambs must be in their pens by **10:00 a.m.** on show day. Breeding sheep must be in pens by **8:00 a.m.** on show day.

****THE SHOW ORDER WILL GO AS FOLLOWS****

Breeding Show
 Breeding Showmanship
 Market Showmanship
 Born & Raised Classes
Bred & Fed Classes
 Market Lamb Classes

SHEEP BREEDING CLASSES (MUST COMPLETE BREEDING PROJECT BOOK**)**

Beginner Sheep Breeding Projects (First year and beyond)

1. Ewe Lamb (Meat or Wool, born after September 1, 2022)
2. Ram Lamb (Meat or Wool, born after September 1, 2022)

3. Yearling Ewe (Meat or Wool, over 1 year/under 2 years of age)

Intermediate Sheep Breeding Projects (After completing a Beginner project)

4. Yearling Ram (Meat or Wool, over 1 year/under 2 years of age)
5. Pair of Sheep (Meat or Wool, pair of yearling ewes, ewe lambs, or rams)
6. Aged Wool Sheep (2 years of age or older, but exhibitor **must** enter at least one wool project at fair)

Advanced Sheep Breeding Projects (After completing a Beginner and Intermediate project)

7. Ewe and her offspring (Meat or Wool, offspring must be born after 9/1/22, Ewe may be aged)
8. Breeder's Flock (Meat or Wool, a yearling ewe, ewe lamb, and ram--yearling or lamb)

**All of the above projects will be split into Meat and Wool breeds for the show.*

Meat Breeds: Cheviot, Dorset, Hampshire, Montadale, Oxford, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk, & Tunis

Wool Breeds: Columbia, Corriedale, Merino, Rambouillet, Targhee, Border Leicester, Shetland

Champion Sheep Breeding

Champion & Reserve Meat Ram and Champion & Reserve Meat Ewe

Champion & Reserve Wool Ram and Champion & Reserve Wool Ewe

BREEDING SHOWMANSHIP

**Classes will be based on the age of the exhibitor as of 1/1/2023 (exhibitor's 4H registration age.)

Senior	Ages 16 and up
Intermediate	Ages 13-15
Junior	Ages 10-12
First Year	Ages 12 and under
Novice	Ages 13 and up (if 1 st year exhibitor is showing)

Champion of Champions Breeding Showmanship--to compete the exhibitor must have won their respective showmanship class. If the exhibitor has won any of these classes in the past and have not moved up to the next age class, they will automatically be placed in this class. Once they move into the next class, they will no longer be in the Champion of Champion class, and they will have to win their respective class to qualify.

MARKET LAMB SHOWMANSHIP

**Classes will be based on the age of the exhibitor as of 1/1/2023 (exhibitor's 4H registration age.)

Senior	Ages 16 and up
Intermediate	Ages 13-15
Junior	Ages 10-12
First Year	Ages 12 and under
Novice	Ages 13 and up (if 1 st year exhibitor is showing)

Champion of Champions Market Lamb Showmanship--to compete the exhibitor must have won their respective showmanship class. If the exhibitor has won any of these classes in the past and have not moved up to the next age class, they will automatically be placed in this class. Once they move into the next class, they will no longer be in the Champion of Champion class, and they will have to win their respective class to qualify.

SHOWMAN OF SHOWMEN SHOWMANSHIP

The winners from the Market lamb and Breeding sheep champion of champion showmanship classes. (Both the Market Lamb and Breeding Showmanship Champion will participate in the Showman of Showman unless changed by the Jr. Fair Board.)

MARKET LAMB CLASSES (MUST COMPLETE MARKET PROJECT BOOK**)**

Born & Raised Lamb Classes
Born & Raised Lamb Champions
Bred & Fed Lamb Classes
Bred & Fed Lamb Champions
Market Lamb Classes
Market Lamb Champions

OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION/OVERALL RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

The final drive will consist of the top five lambs from the Market, Born & Raised, and Bred & Fed classes. The Grand Champion Overall Market and Reserve Grand Champion Overall Market Lambs **WILL BE TERMINAL**. The top five Born & Raised lambs **ONLY** will still have the option to withdraw from the Overall Market competition if they choose to prevent their lamb from becoming terminal, but no movement beyond fifth place will be made (i.e. if one of the top five Born & Raised lamb withdraws, the sixth lamb **DOES NOT** move up). Also, if a Born & Raised lamb withdraws from the final drive, they will be placed in the bottom of the order in the 3rd through 15th lambs left in the final drive (*i.e. if three of the Born & Raised lambs withdraw, they will automatically go to the bottom of the 3rd through 15th place lambs and be sold in the 13th, 14th and 15th place from the Overall Market lambs). The sale order will be as follows, if no lambs withdraw:

Grand Champion Overall Market Lamb
Reserve Champion Overall Market Lamb
Champion Market Lamb
Reserve Champion Market Lamb
Champion Born & Raised Lamb
Reserved Champion Born & Raised Lamb
Champion Bred & Fed Lamb
Reserve Champion Bred & Fed Lamb
Champion Carcass Lamb
Reserve Champion Carcass Lamb
Champion Rate of Gain
Reserve Champion Rate of Gain
*3rd through 15th place from the Overall Market Lamb final drive
3rd through 5th place from Carcass
All 1sts in class (in random order)
All 2nds in class (in random order)
All 3rds in class (in random order)
Etc.

MARKET SALE

1. All market animals exhibited must be sold through the auction.
2. Breeding stock will not be permitted to be sold at the auction.
3. The Sheep Committee will establish market lamb sale orders. Champion and Reserve Champion animals will be sold first.
4. A charge of \$15.00 per head, as well as the buyer's photo fee for all, if necessary, for market lambs will be assessed. The Sheep Committee and Marketing committee will use the monies to cover promotion, advertising, and operative expenses. Champions will be assessed 8% of the sale price and Reserve Champions 5.5% of the sale price. In addition, all lambs will be assessed accordingly to the mandated lamb check-off (when applicable). All assessments are used for marketing, capital improvements to our sheep barn, clinics, programs, etc. for our exhibitors.
5. Animals purchased may not be removed from the pens until checked out by the committee member in charge. Each exhibitor is responsible for the feeding and care of his or her animal until the fair is completed.
6. Market lamb sale will be held on Saturday, September 2, 2023.
7. **No personal speeches will be permitted during the Market lamb sale, with the only exception being senior/last year exhibitor speeches unless prior approval is granted from the Sheep Committee.**
8. All exhibitors must be in pens by noon or as directed by the Sheep Committee.
9. **MANDATORY** thank you notes for buyers must be turned in to the committee by SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 AT NOON at the center of the sheep barn in basket on the table to the committee. If you have multiple buyers, you must fill out a thank you note for **EACH BUYER.**
THANK YOU CARDS MUST BE:
 - FILLED IN AND ADDRESSED TO BUYER **WITH** YOUR RETURN ADDRESS AS WELL!
 - TURNED IN **UNSEALED**, TO BE DEEMED ACCEPTABLE.
 - BLANK CARDS WILL BE RETURNED TO EXHIBITORS
 - BE PROPERLY DONE AND TURNED IN BY DEADLINE.
 - NO THANK YOU CARD=NO CHECK!!!

LOAD OUT

1. Load out will take place on Monday, **September 4, 2023** at 4:00 p.m. or at the discretion of the Marketing Committee. Animals must be cared for until that time. This includes feeding on load out day prior to 4:00 p.m. No tear down until animals are gone.
2. All displays must remain intact until 5:00 p.m. the last day of the fair. At that time, all displays and decorations must be removed. Barn will be closed to the public at 4:00 p.m. for load out.

2023 SHEEP PROJECT CALENDAR

March 15	4-H Project Entry Deadline
June 1	ALL QUALITY ASSURANCE MUST BE COMPLETED
June 1	<i>Alternate Tag-In Day by approval only 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (See Rule #5 under Tag-In section)</i>
June 3	Market lamb TAG-IN & WEIGH-IN 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Fairgrounds Project Animal must be in your possession
July 15	Essay due for Ruthann Dickerhoof Memorial Sheep contest
July 16	First year/Skillathon prep/showmanship clinic 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
July 28	ENTRY DEADLINE -All entries to be electronically submitted to the Junior Fair Coordinator.
August 20	MANDATORY SKILLATHON 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. PROJECT BOOKS DUE!
August 21	Carcass Weigh-in 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Don's Custom Meats, Waynesburg
August 23	Carcass Cooler evaluation at 5:00 p.m. at Don's Custom Meats, Waynesburg
August 28	Animals Haul-In/Check-In and weigh-in 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. DUNF forms, picture release forms due. Market Animals must be slick shorn.
August 29-Sept 4	Stark County Fair
August 29	MANDATORY Project Pictures (Market, Wool & Carcass) 5:00 p.m.
Aug 30	Sheep Show 8:30 am
Aug 31	Wool Show 12:00 p.m. in the Grange Building
Sept 1	Pee-Wee, Old Timer's & Family Throw Down Sheep Shows 6:00 p.m.
Sept 2	Sheep Auction 12:30 p.m.
Sept 3	All Thank You cards are due by noon
Sept 4	Animal Release--4:00 pm Market animals or at the discretion of the Marketing Committee--6:00pm Breeding animals

2022 JUNIOR FAIR MARKET/CARCASS/WOOL

Overall Grand Champion Market Lamb: Elliot Walters
Reserve Overall Grand Champion Market Lamb: Elise Rohrer

Grand Champion Market Lamb	Elliot Walters	Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb	Elise Rohrer
Champion Born and Raised Lamb	Fallon Palmer	Reserve Champion Born and Raised Lamb	Elliot Walters
Champion Carcass	Ellis Birtch	Reserve Champion Carcass	Logan Burnett
Grand Champion Wool	Isaiah Allen	Reserve Champion Wool	Isaiah Allen
Champion Rate of Gain	Ava Ranker		
Sheep Ambassador	Cora Wines	Jr. Sheep Ambassador	Laura Seward

2023 JUNIOR FAIR SHEEP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Denna Steiner	330-904-0670	Chairman
Nathan Lautzenheiser	330-309-1708	Vice Chairman
DeNean Camp	330-470-2630	Secretary
Carla Slagle	330-418-5139	Treasurer
Marlene Estock	330-418-3474	Assistant Treasurer
Donna Allen	330-806-6538	
Sarah Birtch	330-801-0904	
Latisha Camp	330-417-7885	
Lyssa Darrah	330-361-9488	
Taylor Darrah	330-361-9998	
Doug Duff	--	
Chris Goegan	330-206-2555	
Darryn Kiko	330-465-4829	
Tammi Kiko	330-495-8791	
Sherry McCracken	330-206-2042	
Marci Shaw	330-268-3831	
Grace Steiner	330-813-6139	
Ed Walker	330-417-8998	
Linda Walker	330-639-8291	

2023 JUNIOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

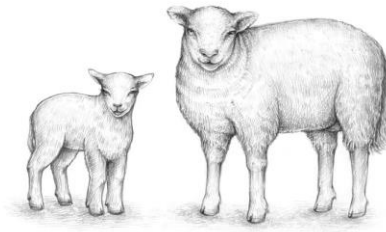
Paige Anderson, Michael Kiko, Abigail Seward, and Elliot Walters

2023 PROVISIONAL JUNIOR FAIR SHEEP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jennifer Bryan

2023 PROVISIONAL JUNIOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Evelyn Bryan, Abbigale Cattrell, and Ellis Birtch



Bred & Fed Verification Form

This is to verify that _____ (exhibitor name)
purchased this sheep _____ (scrapie tag number) from a breeder in
Stark County, which will be verified by the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. **If the breeder/scrapie tag
number is unable to be verified as a Stark County Breeder, the lamb will be disqualified from the Bred & Fed category.**
By signing this form, the breeder and exhibitor verify that this sheep was born in Stark County. This form is to be turned
in at Tag-In on June 3, 2023 from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. (or the alternate Tag-in on June 1, 2023 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.).
You **MUST** have a separate form for each animal to compete in Bred & Fed Class. If the form is not turned in at Tag-In, the
exhibitor **WILL NOT BE** eligible for the Bred & Fed Class. There will be an award given to the Champion & Reserve Champion
Breeders.

Breeder Name: _____

Breeder Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Breeder Phone #: _____

Breeder Signature: _____

Jr Fair Exhibitor Name: _____

Exhibitor Signature: _____

2023 Stark County
Sheep Ambassador
(Age 15-19 as of June 30, 2023)
Application Deadline: June 30, 2023

Candidates must meet the following qualifications:

1. Age 15-19 years of age by June 30, 2023 for Stark County Sheep Ambassador
2. Applicant must have shown sheep at the Stark County Jr. Fair for at least 2 consecutive years.
3. Be able to represent the Stark County Sheep Industry in a positive manner including public appearances and educational programs.

Any questions, please contact: Denna Steiner (330-904-0670)
You will be contacted about an interview after the application deadline.
Sheep Ambassador will be announced at the 2023 Stark County Jr. Fair.
Please email applications to: starksheepcommittee@gmail.com

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Age (as of 6/1/23): _____ DOB: ____/____/____

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

Parents: _____

Please answer the following questions:

Activities: Honors, athletics, music, clubs, church, 4H, FFA, etc:

Interests: Hobbies, community service, etc:

Why would you like the opportunity to be the Stark County Sheep Ambassador, and how would you promote the sheep industry?

An essay is required stating your contributions to the sheep industry, and why you feel you are suited for this ambassador position.

How would you like to see the sheep program expand?

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

If chosen to be the Sheep Ambassador, my child needs to have an adult accompanying them to events (if a minor), and be aware of their whereabouts during the event. In signing, I take on this responsibility. If chosen, I understand that I will serve a one-year reign as Sheep Ambassador and that I will be ineligible to compete for the position again at any time in the future.

Signature of Parent (if applicant is a minor): _____ Date: _____

2023 Stark County
Junior Sheep Ambassador
(Age 10-14 as of June 30, 2023)
Application Deadline: June 30, 2023

Candidates must meet the following qualifications:

1. Age 10-14 years of age by June 30, 2023 for Stark County Junior Sheep Ambassador
2. Applicant must have shown sheep at the Stark County Jr. Fair for at least 2 consecutive years.
3. Be able to represent the Stark County Sheep Industry in a positive manner including public appearances and educational programs accompanied by an adult.

Any questions, please contact: Denna Steiner (330-904-0670)
You will be contacted about an interview after the application deadline.
Junior Sheep Ambassador will be announced at the 2023 Stark County Jr. Fair.
Please email applications to: starksheepcommittee@gmail.com

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Age (as of 6/1/23): _____ DOB: ____/____/____

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

Parents: _____

Please answer the following questions:

Activities: Honors, athletics, music, clubs, church, 4H, FFA, etc:

Interests: Hobbies, community service, etc:

Why would you like the opportunity to be the Junior Stark County Sheep Ambassador, and how would you promote the sheep industry?

An essay is required stating your contributions to the sheep industry, and why you feel you are suited for this ambassador position.

How would you like to see the sheep program expand?

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

If chosen to be the Junior Sheep Ambassador, my child needs to have an adult accompanying them to events (if a minor), and be aware of their whereabouts during the event. In signing, I take on this responsibility. If chosen, I understand that I will serve a one-year reign as the Junior Sheep Ambassador and that I will be ineligible to compete for the position again at any time in the future. (**At the age of 15, I will be eligible to apply for the Sheep Ambassador position.)

Signature of Parent (if applicant is a minor): _____ Date: _____