



Richland County Jr. Fair Alpaca Ambassador Contest Application 2023

Important Dates

Applications Due: July 1, 2023 (Must be in the Extension office by 5 pm – no exceptions)

Interviews: July 10th, 5:30 pm at the Extension Office

Selection of Ambassadors: August 6th, during the Alpaca Show at the Show Arena

Contest Qualifications & Scoring

Qualifications

1. Contestant must be age 8-18 as of January 1st of this year.
2. Contestant must be a Richland County resident.
3. Contestant must be an active participant in the Richland County 4-H or FFA program.
4. Contestant must be currently enrolled in the Jr. Fair Alpaca project and be awarded an “A”.
4. Contestants must agree to follow the Ohio State Extension Standards of Behavior.
5. Contestants must complete the entire application for the contest and return it by **July 1, 2023**.

Scoring

1. The title of Alpaca Ambassador will be given to two individuals with the most total points. Other contestants will be recognized for participating.

Scoring:

1. Application 25%
 2. Face-to-face interview 25%
 3. Knowledge quiz & study guide 25%
 4. Fiber project (guidelines attached) 25%
2. The Ambassadors will receive a special gift upon completion of their reigning duties.
 3. If for any reason the Ambassadors cannot fulfill their responsibilities throughout the fair and the year of his or her reign, he or she will relinquish the title to the first runner-up.
 4. The Ambassadors are expected to crown their successors during the following Richland Co. Fair.

Royal Court Expectations

Before the Fair:

1. All applications must be received in the Extension office **by 5pm on July 1, 2023**. Royalty is an honor and a leadership position, so **NO late applications will be accepted**.
2. All royalty contest applicants must attend an interview, which will be held on Monday, **July 10th** at the Extension Office, beginning at **5:30 pm**.

During the Fair:

1. All royalty contest applicants must attend the Alpaca Show on Sunday August 5th at 4:30pm. The Ambassadors will be announced at this time.
2. Ambassadors will be required to assist with the Open Class show and the Alpaca Buddies show.
3. Ambassadors should be present at as many 4-H livestock shows, auctions, and any other 4-H activities during the week of the fair.
4. Ambassadors will be required to work at least one shift in the alpaca tent per day and will be expected to answer any questions that fair goers may have about alpacas and the 4-H programs.

After the Fair:

1. Ambassadors must help promote the fair and 4-H to different organizations in the county.
2. Ambassadors must attend and assist with the Livestock Clinic at TSC in March.
3. Ambassadors must attend and assist with the Livestock Kit Preview & Showmanship Clinic.
4. Ambassadors must visit one meeting of each 4-H Club to promote 4-H opportunities and involvement.
5. The 2023 Ambassadors must be present at the crowning of the 2024 royalty contest.

Royal Court Dress Code:

1. The Ambassadors should maintain the dress and poise of their positions during the entire time of the fair and for the duration of their reign.
2. In all official appearances, the Ambassadors should wear their sashes.
3. All royalty applicants are expected to dress in attire deemed appropriate and tasteful by the contest coordinators throughout the duration of the 4-H Community Fair.
4. While awarding ribbons during the 4-H livestock shows, Ambassadors are encouraged to wear a polo or dress shirt with nice jeans or slacks. Boots are recommended because of the presence of livestock.
5. During the livestock auction, if they are not selling animals, the Ambassadors must present themselves in a professional manner.
6. While awarding prizes or speaking at any events during the fair, the Ambassadors should dress nicely.

Richland County Jr. Fair Alpaca Ambassador Application

Please print or type throughout this application.

Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ 4-H Age (as of Jan. 1): _____

Club: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian(s): _____

Congratulations and thank YOU for your desire to be an Ambassador for the Alpaca Program at the Richland County Fair! As the name implies, being an Ambassador is a HUGE honor and is greatly appreciated and respected. As a Royalty member, you will be asked to participate in as many Alpaca activities as possible. You will also be learning skills that may help you throughout your lifetime: community service, fundraising, event planning, communication skills, and so much more. Plus, it will look great on college applications!

Please complete the following questions to the best of your ability:

- 1) What do you hope to gain from this experience?

- 2) Please describe what you believe to be the responsibility of an Alpaca Ambassador:

- 3) Please list any achievements or special awards received pertaining to the alpaca program:

- 4) I have participated in the following Alpaca events that are not 4-H related:

5) Please write in **200 words or less** about how you would promote alpacas and the alpaca industry:

Contestant:

As the individual running for this position, I attest that the information listed in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I have reviewed and understand the rules and expectations of this event.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian:

As the parent/guardian of _____, I verify that the information in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I have received and understand the rules and expectations of this event.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____