**GIRL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Ohio State Fair Girl Scout Fair Aides**

Girls who are completing ninth grade and older are eligible to apply to be fair aides. Aides arrive at the fairgrounds the evening before entries are accepted and stay through the first day of the fair. They assist with taking in and judging entries, arranging and preparing the Girl Scout exhibit area (including some cleaning), promoting Girl Scouts, hosting SWAPS day and other duties as requested by the committee. On the last day of the fair, aides also participate in the Awards Ceremony. Girls can count hours worked toward leadership or service hours. See complete description and application form later in these materials. To apply please complete the application on page 46 of this guide.

**Purpose of job:**
To work with Girl Scouts Ohio State Fair Committee members and superintendents to present the Girl Scouts exhibit at the Ohio State Fair.

**Qualifications and accountability:**
Aides are selected by the members of the Girl Scouts Ohio State Fair Committee from applications received. Aides must be registered Girl Scouts, have completed at least the ninth grade by the time of the fair and must enter at least one item for display and judging in the Girl Scout Division of the Ohio State Fair. Aides are responsible to and are supervised by volunteer/fair aide committee chairs.

**Term:**
Aides are selected for one fair. They may reapply for subsequent fairs. Aides need to make a five-day commitment prior to the opening of the Ohio State Fair and if possible, a three to five-day commitment to assist in the Girl Scout booth during the fair. For 2020, fair aides will arrive Friday evening, July 24 for pre-fair activities and stay through the opening day of the fair, Wednesday, July 29. Girls are also asked to return to assist with the Awards Program and exhibit tear down on Sunday, Aug. 9. The 2020 Ohio State Fair runs from July 29 to Aug. 9.

**Duties:**
Duties include cleaning the display area, assisting with entries and judging, arranging the entries for display, participating in the Awards Ceremony, promoting Girl Scouting and other duties as requested by the committee chairs.

**Dress requirements:**
Aides will be required to wear the Ohio State Fair Girl Scout uniform in the booth on Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday. The uniform consists of an Ohio State Fair Girl Scout T-shirt and khaki, dark blue or black colored pants, shorts, skirt or capris. The Ohio State Fair Girl Scout Committee will provide each fair aide with one T-shirt and additional shirts may be purchased.

**Financial obligations:**
The Ohio State Fair houses the fair aides during their stay at the fair with no cost to the girl. Meals are either provided via the Rhodes Center Cafeteria or will be provided by the OSF Girl Scout Committee. Girls are taken off grounds for some meals and activities. The committee determines an amount that they will spend for girls’ meals and it has always been adequate. Activities are determined by a vote of the girls. Activities are paid for by the committee unless shopping is selected. In that case, each girl will be responsible for what she spends.

**Selecting a Junior Fair Board Member:**
The Ohio State Fair Girl Scout Committee through application selects one fair aide to serve as a member of the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board each year. To be eligible to apply, a girl must be at least 16 years of age and have exhibited in the Girl Scout Division of the Ohio State Fair while serving as an aide. At the conclusion of serving as a member of the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board representing Girl Scouts, the girl will receive a $500 honorarium to use for postsecondary education. A second honorarium will be awarded the next year provided the girl continues to be enrolled in post-secondary education.

**Recognition for girls serving four years as a fair aide:**
At the conclusion of serving as a fair aide for four years, girls who were not selected as a Junior Fair Board member, are eligible to receive a $250 scholarship for post-secondary education. If a girl is later selected as a Junior Fair Board member, the stipends are capped at a total of $1,000.

**Questions:**
Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the Volunteer and Fair Aide Committee leads:
- **Sharla House** at 614-354-5686 or via email at sharla.house@gmail.com.
- **Abigail Houser** at 740-208-0406 or via email at abigailhouser9544@gmail.com.
- **Nikiya Coburn** at 614-657-6129 or via email at nikiyacoburn1998@gmail.com.

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Application

Deadline: Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Name: _____________________________________________ Phone: ___________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________

County: ______________________ Email address: __________________________________________________________

Parent’s/Guardian’s name: __________________________________________________________________________

Parent’s/Guardian’s email: __________________________________________________________________________

Troop number: ________ Name of council: ____________________________ Number of years involved: ________

Date of birth: ___________________ Age: _______ Grade in school for 2019-2020 year: ________________________

Please circle the appropriate answer and provide explanation where asked.

Have you ever exhibited in the Girl Scout Division, Ohio State Fair?  Yes  No
Have you won premiums or other recognitions?  Yes  No
Have you served as a volunteer in the Girl Scout area at the Ohio State Fair?  Yes  No
Have you exhibited at your county fair?  Yes  No
Have you helped arrange a Girl Scout display at your county fair?  Yes  No
Have you volunteered at other community events?  Yes  No
If so, what have you done and where?

Present troop responsibilities:
Experiences in Girl Scouting:

List other organizations/experiences that you have had that strengthen this application.

Please explain why you are applying for this opportunity.

Return application to: Sharla House at sharla.house@gmail.com or via mail at 141 Sierra Drive, Gahanna, OH 43230.