

BEXAR COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



**This application is only for students who have NEVER been a BCJLS Ambassador.
There is a different application for students who have been an Ambassador at least one year.**

Introduction

The BCJLS will select Ambassadors to represent the BCJLS to the Ambassador's home FFA Chapter or 4-H Club and the community at large. Ambassadors will work with the BCJLS Board, volunteers, exhibitors, and judges to help make a quality show. Ambassadors will demonstrate and develop their leadership skills. Ambassadors will work hard and be physically challenged. Ambassadors be recognized at the BCJLS Auction of Champions.

Expectations

Ambassadors should stay up to date on BCJLS happenings, either by attending the public portion of Board meetings or through communication with the Board.

Ambassadors are leaders and should look for ways to help without constant direction.

Show workdays are long, sometimes 15 or 16 hours. Food and drinks will be provided.

Ambassadors may be assigned any job at the Show and will likely get dirty.

Ambassadors are expected to attend the Show on assigned days (at least one show day AND at least two set-up or clean-up days) and may NOT work in uniform on a day they themselves are exhibiting an entry until their show is finished.

We will try not to schedule Ambassadors the day before one of their shows.

Ambassadors may be terminated from the program at the Committee's discretion, without notice, at any time for failure to fulfill expectations. Committee decisions are final.

If these expectations are too rigorous, do not apply.

Application Deadline

April 30, 2026 at 11:59:59pm. No exceptions. Send completed applications to VP1@bcjls.com.

Application Requirements

Must submit a COMPLETE application as a single, organized, legible file. We will not edit, compress, combine, or reformat applications to make them legible or printable. Typed is preferred.

We WILL communicate primarily via email. No apps. Not texts. Write your email address clearly and be sure it is one that can receive our emails and you will check.

If selected, MUST attend an interview with Board members.

Must be in the 9th – 12th grades at the time of the Show in December 2026.

Only bona fide Bexar County FFA or Bexar County 4-H members are eligible to participate.

Must be in good academic standing (see BCJLS General Show Rule 11).

Must be in good standing with their FFA Chapter or 4-H Club.

Selection Process

The BCJLS Ambassador Committee will review applications and select applicants to be interviewed. In-person interviews will be held with a group of BCJLS Board members. The Ambassador program has become competitive. Previous Ambassadors' performance will be considered, and previous Ambassadors are not guaranteed a position this year. Applicants who were not selected are encouraged to apply again next year. Upperclassman who have never applied will be considered and may be selected, but the Committee prefers rising freshmen and sophomores who can grow in the program over their high school career.

Dress Code

We suggest Ambassadors bring extra clothes in case they get excessively dirty. BCJLS Ambassadors will wear a vest provided by BCJLS over a white shirt. The year will be embroidered. Returning Ambassadors will wear their previous vest. The BCJLS will add the year to returning Ambassador's vests so the public can see how many years an Ambassador has served.

Why Would Anyone Want to Do This?

Being a BCJLS Ambassador is meant to be an honor and recognition of hard work and determination. It is not meant to be an easy way to pad resumes and college applications. It is a taste of the real world. It is earned. It is kept through merit. No participation trophies here. Many of us parents have worked long, hard jobs to get our foot in the door and prove ourselves. Ambassadors are signing up to for the same. Leaders take initiative to do the hard things.

Point of Contact

Mark Haverkorn, BCJLS Vice President, at 817-739-8029 or VP1@bcjls.com. General communication will be through emails. All emails will go to Ambassadors and parents. Please check your emails.

BCJLS 2026-2027 NEW AMBASSADOR APPLICATION

I. Demographics

Applicant name: _____

Applicant date of birth: _____ Applicant's phone number: _____

Applicant's email address (be aware some school addresses cannot receive outside email):

Applicant's complete home/primary address: _____

4-H Club and/or FFA Chapter: _____

Name of the high school applicant is currently attending: _____

Applicant's parent or guardian name #1: _____

Parent/guardian #1 phone number: _____

Parent/guardian #1 email address: _____

Applicant's parent or guardian name #2 (optional): _____

Parent/guardian #2 phone number: _____

Parent/guardian #2 email address: _____

II. Academic Information

Expected high school graduation year: _____

Approximate grade point average (required): _____ out of _____ possible (e.g., 4.0 or 5.0)

How many students are in your class? _____ What is your class rank? _____

I verify the above information regarding the applicant's scholastic record is true and accurate.

High School Principal or Counselor Name (print or type)

Title

High School Principal or Counselor Signature

Date

III. Which shows and/or contests do you plan to enter in the 64th BCJLS? Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land judging | <input type="checkbox"/> Market goats | <input type="checkbox"/> Broilers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding beef | <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding goats | <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Market steers | <input type="checkbox"/> Market swine | <input type="checkbox"/> Ag Mech |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Market sheep | <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding swine | <input type="checkbox"/> Torch cutting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding sheep | <input type="checkbox"/> Turkeys | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Arts |

IV. Are you active in anything unrelated to agriculture – sports, clubs, work, church, etc.? If sports, what position do you play? If work, where, how long have you been employed there, what is your job title, how many hours do you work each week? Do you have or have you had any leadership roles in these activities?

V. Future Plans – What do you plan to do after graduation? If school, why? Which school or what kind of school? What is your planned field of study and why have you chosen this field? If not school, then what?

VII. Imagine you are the BCJLS president. How would you put on the Show in December? What must happen between now and December and what are the deadlines for those tasks? What committees would you want to create? What duties from your list would you assign to each committee? Of those duties, what would you ask Board members to do? What would you ask Ambassadors to do? What would you ask volunteers at large to do? Use additional paper if necessary.

I have prepared or reviewed this application. I verify the information contained in this application is correct.

Signatures (required):

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent: _____ Date: _____

I verify the above applicant is in good standing with our FFA chapter or 4-H club. Signatures (required):

4-H Club Manager or

County Extension Agent: _____ Date: _____

FFA Advisor: _____ Date: _____

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