



## **Cloverdale Citrus Fair Youth Ambassador Scholarship Program 2023**

Part of the Mission of the Cloverdale Citrus Fair is to celebrate the diverse talents, interests, and accomplishments of the citizens of California. The Citrus Fair does this each year by showcasing beautiful artwork, stunning photography, beautiful gardens, clever creations, and premium livestock all made, grown, and raised by exhibitors. Our exhibits program encourages personal growth and celebrates excellence for all ages.

Another way the Citrus Fair encourages personal growth and excellence is through our newly designed Youth Ambassador Scholarship Program. This unique experience provides the participants with:

- A hands-on service experience,
- Insight into the unique industry of fair production and events/venue management,
- Professional skill development (communications, interview skills, resume building),
- Exposure to industry professionals,
- The opportunity to compete for a **\$5,000 scholarship** sponsored by the Cloverdale Citrus Fair.
- The five successful candidates will be provided with a \$250 stipend to purchase appropriate clothing for the interview process.

### **The Program Benefits**

The Youth Ambassador program is designed to provide a meaningful growth opportunity for the participants. Participants will receive resume coaching, develop interview and communications skills, and build job experience through service learning. Participants who successfully complete the program may use the Cloverdale Citrus Fair as a professional reference and/or feel comfortable requesting letters of recommendation.

### **The Commitment**

All participants are expected to participate fully in the program. Each participant will perform some service work in support of the Citrus Fair while learning about the different areas and departments that make up the Fair and support the Fairgrounds. The total time commitment is approximately 3 hours per week and approximately 14 hours during the Fair itself.

The Ambassador will be expected to represent the Cloverdale Citrus Fair at public events and presentations, speak about the Fair's history, and communicate the importance of the Fairgrounds to the community. This commitment will remain in place until the next Citrus Fair and the next Ambassador is chosen.

In the event the Ambassador is not available to attend an appearance or event, the Associate Ambassador will be asked to attend in his or her place.

### **The Scholarships**

Each of the five participants will receive a scholarship upon successful completion of the program and fulfilling their commitments. The amount of the scholarship awarded will be based on the candidate's



work performance, service ethic, interview, personal presentation, recommendations, and academic performance. Participants will compete for the Ambassador and Associate Ambassador awards.

Scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- The Ambassador \$5000
- Associate Ambassador \$2500
- Runners Up (3) \$825 (each)

### **Eligibility**

The Cloverdale Citrus Fair Ambassador program is open to all junior class members at high schools from Cloverdale and Geyserville. Applicants must be students in good standing and have at least a 2.5 GPA to be considered.

### **To Apply**

- Application form
- Transcript
- Resume
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Essay (Respond to one of four prompts, provided)
  1. How do fairgrounds play vital roles in their communities?
  2. Why is community service part of a well-rounded life?
  3. Explain how this scholarship will help you, should you win.
  4. Describe how the Fair can improve serving the community?

Submit all materials to:

**Cloverdale Citrus Fair  
Attn: Ambassador Program  
1 Citrus Fair Drive  
Cloverdale, CA 95425**

**Or email [info@cloverdalecitrusfair.org](mailto:info@cloverdalecitrusfair.org) and type "Ambassador Application" in the subject line.**

### **Selection**

Five candidates will be chosen from the pool of applicants.

The Ambassador and Associate Ambassador will be selected from the five candidates based on their application packet, their participation during the program, a face-to-face panel interview, and an onstage interview/presentation.

**Cloverdale Citrus Fair 2023  
Youth Ambassador Scholarship Program  
APPLICATION**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION PACKET DUE 10/14/2022 TO THE CITRUS FAIR OFFICE**

**Application Packet Checklist**

- Application
- Resume
- Transcript (does not need to be “official”).
- Two letters of recommendation
- Essay (response to one of the following prompts: 1 page)
  - How do fairgrounds play vital roles in their communities?
  - Why is community service part of a well-rounded life?
  - Explain how this scholarship will help you, should you win.
  - Describe how the Fair can improve serving the community.

**Applicant Agreement:** If selected as a candidate, I promise to fulfill the commitments of the program. If selected as the Ambassador or Associate Ambassador, I promise to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities of the position.

**Parent/Guardian Agreement:** I promise to support the applicant if selected, in their participation in the program. If the applicant is selected to serve as the Ambassador or the Associate Ambassador, I promise to support them in their commitment.

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Signature

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Date

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Parent or Guardian Name

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Parent or Guardian Signature