**2024-25 CCJLS Ambassador Program**

 **Purpose:** The purpose of the Ambassador program is to create a team of exemplary young people who work both collectively and individually to increase awareness of the Carter County Junior Livestock Show and its significance through community service and involvement while upholding a positive image. Ambassadors will benefit from the program in the form of leadership development, agricultural advocacy, and communication skills.

**Expectations:** Ambassadors will be expected to show integrity, respect and positive morale as they are a direct representation of the CCJLS. The Ambassador team will have various duties, including, but not limited to:

* **MANDATORY Attendance**: setting up day before, and greeting and checking in donors at the Boots & Bowties Ball held usually the 2nd weekend in February.
* community service (such as ringing the Salvation Army bell during the holidays)
* promotion of fundraising: approaching potential sponsors for the Boots & Bowties Ball and stuffing envelopes with donor letters to be mailed out.
* promotion of the show, such as giving a short speech for different organizations
* participation in a promotional video for the Boots & Bowties Ball
* media training with Mrs. Rutledge.
* Additional events may be added once the team is established.
* CCJLS SHOW Responsibilities: helping set up the backdrop if at all possible, assisting the show photographer if needed, handing out ribbons in the show ring, setting up, serving, and cleaning up afterward for the buyer’s dinner on Premium Sale night, and other things at the show (when not showing),etc. We understand that schedules are busy and each Ambassador may not be able to attend every event, but **your attendance is very important**, and we do expect you to make your best efforts to be there.

**Application Process:** Applications must be turned in on time and ALL requirements met to be considered. Applications will then be reviewed and judged. IF your application is chosen, you will be notified of an interview time slot. After interviews are conducted, an email/text will be sent informing you whether you have made the team or not.

**Interviews will be held Monday evening September 23rd**beginning at 6:00 pm

We will tentatively plan to have **the first ambassador team meeting Sunday October 20th.** If too many have conflicts, this could change. I will let you know where at a later time.

**If you have any questions regarding the following application, or the Ambassador Program, please contact Emma Rutledge at 580-220-8735 or at emmajorutledge@gmail.com**

 **CCJLS Ambassador Application**

***\*\*Applications are due Wednesday September 18, 2024 at 5:00 pm***

**Following items MUST be emailed to emma.jo.rutledge@gmail.com by this date to be considered for the ambassador team:**

1. Typed application thoroughly filled out.

2. A headshot picture (waist up is fine), can be a school picture or a picture in

your 4-H or FFA Jacket taken with your phone.

3. A good picture of you showing, or with your livestock project.

4. You must have the email below **sent to me by your AG teacher**  or **4-H leader** attesting to your academic standing and moral character by the application due date:

*I can verify that* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *is in good standing academically and behaviorally within their FFA/4-H Chapter as well as their school and would make a great candidate for the CCJLS Ambassador Team.*

5. Complete the following application to the very best of your ability. **Remember your application is the first representation of YOU that you are judged on**.

***\*MAKE A COPY OF YOUR OWN OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION BEFORE YOU START TO FILL IT OUT***

**2024-2025 CCJLS AMBASSADOR APPLICATION**

Name:

Age:

Grade:

School FFA Chapter/4-H Club:

Office held in chapter, if any:

How many years have you been a part of this chapter?

How many years have you been showing livestock?

Button Down Shirt or Vest size: \*(Please indicate women’s or men’s sizing)

 S M L XL XXL etc.

Cell Phone number:

Email address (if you do not have one, please list a parent/guardian’s):

Mailing address:

Parent/Guardian name(s):

Parent/Guardian phone number(s):

Parent/Guardian email address:

Place an X in front of all species you have shown in the past:

Cattle Swine Sheep Goats

Please list what species you will be showing this year at the
County Show:

1. **What were your two highest accomplishments showing, the species and breed shown, and the name of the show in which you were an exhibitor:**
2. **We all have our different strengths and weaknesses. What would you say is your best asset that would help you be a good member of the CCJLS Ambassador team?**

1. **Why do you wish to serve as a CCJLS Ambassador? What do you hope to gain or achieve during this experience?**
2. **Why do you enjoy showing livestock? What do you feel you have gained from your experiences showing livestock.**
3. **Describe your favorite memory from your time showing livestock.**

 \*By signing below, I acknowledge and understand that my CCJLS Ambassador Director has the right to remove me from the team, take my ambassador vest and shirt, disallow my attendance at an event, if at any time, I neglect my duties or behave in a way that the Director does not feel is appropriate as a CCJLS Ambassador.

DATE Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_