

## OHIO STATE JUNIOR FAIR BOARD

### *Background and Purpose*

The Ohio State Junior Fair Board is comprised of outstanding individuals from each of the youth organizations represented at the Ohio State Fair, and serves to strengthen and help coordinate State Fair activities each year. Two 4-H representatives (one male and one female) are selected annually to serve a two-year term on the Ohio State Junior Fair Board.

### *Selection Procedures and Criteria*

All 4-H members are eligible who: 1) are at least 16 years of age by **January 1, 2009** and are not more than a sophomore in college; 2) are unmarried; 3) will be able to completely serve a two-year term; 4) are an active 4-H member in **2008**; 5) have a permanent residence in Ohio at the time they serve; and 6) have not received this award before.

To apply for this opportunity, members need to complete a State 4-H Achievement Record (according to the directions in the form) and submit it to the County Extension Office before the county deadline. County nominations must be submitted to the State 4-H Office by **February 2, 2009**.

Applicants need to show an outstanding record of project accomplishment and leadership ability and should evidence of an outgoing personality, maturity, being responsible, and being able to get along with peers in a close, fast paced atmosphere.

Two 4-H representatives (one male and one female) for the State Junior Fair Board will be selected at the state level by a State Awards Selection Committee. Finalists will participate in a face-to-face interview during the Teen Conference on February 21, 2009.

### *The Award and Its Presentation*

A State 4-H Award announcement letter will be sent to County Extension Offices the first week of March so that Extension educators can notify winners personally. Individual follow-up letters and commitment forms will be sent directly to winners after **March 21**.

The male and female 4-H representatives to the State Junior Fair Board will be publicly recognized at the Ohio 4-H Youth Recognition Banquet. Each representative will receive an award plaque honoring their achievements. Award winners will then receive additional information about their service on the Ohio State Junior Fair Board from a representative of the Ohio Expo Commission staff.