

**2010 IOWA STATE FAIR
GRANDSTAND USHER
APPLICATION
POSTMARK DATE: ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1**

Candidate Information:

Name			
FFA Chapter P.O.			
Name of Parents or Guardian			
Home Telephone			
Home Mailing Address			
City, State Zip			
Student's Email Address			
Age		Year in High School, Sept. 2010 (9, 10, 11, 12, Graduate)	
T-shirt Size (men's sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL)			Male or Female (dormitory purposes only)
Please list any Health or Physical Conditions that may limit your capacity to work:			
If the candidate has been an user previously:			
		Indicate "yes" or "no" regarding your interest in being considered for a group leader. If no, please skip to General Information. (Those selected for interviews will be notified to report to the FFA Headquarters at the Fairgrounds by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10.)	
		State either "yes" or "no" - Will you definitely serve and cooperate as an usher even if you are not selected to be a group leader?	
		Indicate "yes" or "no" regarding your interest in being considered as a leader for distribution of programs to the gates instead of being a group leader for the Grandstand Ushers. Cart drivers must be 18. Please include a copy of your valid driver's license with this application. Only students who include a copy of a driver's license will be considered for the position of cart driver.	

Advisor Information:

FFA Advisor Name		
Home Phone		
School Phone		
	Initial if candidate was an active FFA member in 2009-2010. FFA Degree _____	
	Initial if the candidate has parent/guardian and school administrator permission to serve as a Grandstand Usher.	
	Specify the number of times the candidate has served as a FFA Grandstand Usher.	

General Information: Grandstand Ushers will receive free meals at the Youth Inn Cafeteria and free lodging at the FFA Usher Hillcrest Dormitory and the Youth Inn. In addition, at the conclusion of the Fair, each worker will receive a \$90 check.

Candidate Statement: If selected to serve as a FFA Grandstand Usher at the 2010 Iowa State Fair, **initial all statements which you agree to do:**

1.	To arrange my own transportation to and from Des Moines.
2.	Report for instructions at 1:00 p.m. at the FFA Usher Hillcrest Dormitory on Wednesday, August 11.
3.	Usher for each Grandstand show at the times scheduled.
4.	To usher for the evening performance on Sunday, August 22, 2010 even though you may want to go home earlier. (Please understand that this is important.)
5.	To report promptly each day and follow directions.
6.	To never drive or ride on the back of anyone's golf cart throughout the entire Iowa State Fair. The program distributor (to drive) is the only exception.
7.	To cooperate by working at entrance gates distributing daily programs.
8.	Work in the Agriculture Building doing assigned Iowa State Fair activities.
9.	Work at the gates handing out promotional materials if requested to do so by the Iowa State Fair.
10.	Keep a good attitude toward carrying out responsibilities even when it is too hot, too cold or raining.
11.	Conduct myself at all times with credit to me, my family, my school and the FFA.
12.	To refrain from smoking, chewing tobacco, drinking alcohol, using drugs or sexually inappropriate behavior.
13.	To never use profane or other inappropriate language.
14.	To stay out of the campgrounds; it is clearly understood that there will be no permission to go to the campgrounds for any reason.
15.	To stay at the Iowa State Fair throughout the duration of ushering without returning home for school and other activities.
16.	To dress neatly at all times according to the rules established by the FFA Staff and Iowa State Fair. There will be no bib overalls, shorts, leather pants, dirty or faded clothing worn when on duty in the Grandstand or when performing an other assigned responsibility.
17.	All ushers, including legal adults, must also agree to accept and follow all FFA Usher rules including respectable behavior in the dormitory and cafeteria.
18.	To agree that lack of cooperation regarding any rules or Iowa State Fair responsibilities will be cause for returning home immediately upon the request of FFA Staff or Iowa State Fair officials.
19.	To bring own bedding (sheets, blankets, pillow), towels and toiletries.

We thoroughly understand and agree to all provisions on this application. The applicant has permission to work throughout the entire Iowa State Fair including the evening show on August 22 even though school may be in session prior to the conclusion of the Iowa State Fair.

* In addition, we understand that if the usher becomes ill, is injured or violates a major rule (Example: drinks alcohol, smokes or chews tobacco), the FFA member's parents will be phoned **regardless** of the time of day or night. Parents and/or the chapter advisor agrees to take the FFA member home if a doctor, nurse, FFA Staff or Iowa State Fair official recommends that the FFA member should not continue responsibilities at the Iowa State Fair.

FFA Member's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

FFA Advisor's Signature

School Administrator's Signature

FFA Advisor's Statement:

Please honestly rate the candidate on the following characteristics.

Circle the appropriate rating - 1 (poor) to 10 (exceptional).

Team Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Responsible	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Critical Thinking	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Listener	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Follow Through	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Assertiveness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Write any additional comments you would like to add. (Include comments regarding behavior, attitude, personality, appearance, cooperation, work habits, dependability, honesty, ability to take responsibility, etc.) **To be completed by the FFA Advisor.**

FFA Advisor's Signature

Date

Please provide the necessary information and parental consent for proper medical attention in case of an emergency (ie: insurance provider and policy number).

**Return to:
Iowa State Fair
FFA Grandstand Usher
P.O. Box 57130
Des Moines, IA 50317
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