

MCJLS Junior Director Program

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General Rules for the MCJLS Junior Director Program (JDP)

The purpose of the Junior Director Program is to provide young adults with an opportunity to develop leadership skills, perform community service, and become aware of the business and operations of the McLennan County Youth Livestock Association. JDP member duties will include providing outreach in the members' communities and schools as well as providing input to the MCJLS Board as to what they may see as improvements to the show. The JDP's efforts will also include pre-show set up in all departments of the McLennan County Livestock Show. During the livestock show, JDP members will assist with the ring set-up/rearranging/take-down, entry card table, daily show ring preparations, ring steward, and assist MCJLS Board as needed. This may include other duties to ensure a successful livestock show each year.

Other possible opportunities for JDP members throughout the year include: participation in buyer recognition events, community service projects, educational field trips, workshops, and MCJLS Buyer Group events. This is an incredible opportunity to expose a select group of individuals to a unique and exciting industry and allow students to have a glimpse at the logistics of the MCJLS, while providing educational and fun opportunities throughout the year.

Junior Director Program members must meet the following requirements:

- Have had an entry and exhibited in the MCJLS the last two years
- Show leadership and admirable character
- Junior Directors must meet all requirements below (A-C) to be eligible to participate at the McLennan County Junior Livestock Show
 - A.
 - i An exhibitor must be regularly enrolled in an accredited public or private school in McLennan County of less than college level and must be in incoming grades 9-12 (must provide own mode of transportation)
 - ii. Home school students as defined by the State of Texas must reside in McLennan County.
 - B. All exhibitors must be eligible to show according to U.I.L. Eligibility Rules. If an exhibitor is ineligible, the exhibit is ineligible. Agriculture Science Teachers (AST) and County Extension Agents (CEA) are responsible for checking eligibility prior to the show. FFA members must be certified eligible by the AST and 4-H members must be certified eligible by the CEA.
 - C. Exhibitors must be a bona fide "active" member in good standing of a 4-H club, FFA Chapter, or FCCLA Group in McLennan County.
- Attend scheduled committee meetings throughout the year (dates to be announced).
- Attend the McLennan County Youth Livestock Show to work during various events (scheduling opportunities will be announced later)
- MCJLS JDP selection process will be conducted on an annual basis. Adult Committee Chair to coordinate application and interview process. Rubric to be provided and approved by MCJLS Board.
- The number of applicants selected to serve as MCJLS Junior Directors will be determined by the MCJLS Junior Director Committee based on the number and quality of the applicants.

Junior Director Program Member Responsibilities:

- Assist the MCJLS board with media appearances and promotion of the MCJLS
- Assist Board and Division Chairs with check-in, show ring set-up, and coordination
- Attend and assist with the McLennan County Youth Livestock Show
- Be available to present and speak to any MCJLS buyers in any setting
- Seek ways to educate buyers about the positive impact that participating in MCJLS has had on you and your fellow exhibitors



**McLennan County Youth Livestock Association
(MCJLS) Junior Director Program (JDP)
2026-2027 MCJLS Junior Director Information**

Please submit and send all application components to
mclennanstockshow@gmail.com and not to personal
emails of chairs to ensure continuity

Application and recommendation forms due: **April 15, 2026 by 10:00 pm**

A completed application consists of the application and essay response below, one (1) recommendation form, biography, and headshot. All required information must be submitted by the applicant to mclennanstockshow@gmail.com. Please note that incomplete applications not submitted to the email address above or before the deadline will not be processed. **Applications must be submitted as a PDF. Any edits to its format is grounds for disqualification.**

Essay Questions - Applicants must submit written answers to the essay questions provided in the application below.

In-person interviews: May 3, 2026

Applicants will be required to participate in an in-person interview. Interviews will take place at the McLennan County Extension Office and applicants will receive further details once applications are received.

Jr. Directors announced: On or before May 13, 2026

Applicants will receive an email and an announcement will be made on social media.

Mandatory Meeting: May 26, 2026 5:30 pm

It is required that all MCJLS Junior Directors attend this meeting at the McLennan County Extension Office.

MCJLS Junior Director Expectations

- Fulfill minimum requirement for delivery of top buyer/sponsor awards
- Attend mandatory dates leading up to show
- MCJLS Show-Fulfill mandatory minimum show shift requirements, including:
 - Assist in show set-up
 - Assist in in show rings
 - Assist in setting up for auction
 - Assist at auction

Failure to meet expectations above may result in disqualification of current or future participation on the MCJLS Junior Board.

2026-2027 MCJLS Junior Director Application

Due by 10:00 pm on April 15, 2026
Application max is 4 pages including essays.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Age: _____ (as of Sept 1) School: _____ Grade: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

4-H Club or FFA Chapter: _____ Shirt Size: _____

1. List your five (5) major 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA projects completed:

# Years	Project:	Major Activities Related to Project:

2. List your five (5) major 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA leadership activities:

Year	Activity:	Your Major Responsibility:

3. List your five (5) most important 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA achievements or honors:

Year	Activity:	County	District	State	National

4. School, Church and Community Involvement/Awards: (school organizations sports, church, community, etc.)

Year	Organization:	Office, Award, Honor:

5. List the year and projects that you have exhibited at the McLennan County Youth Livestock Show:

Year	Project:

6. Have you served MCJLS in any capacity (Ex; previous Jr. Director member, volunteer, etc.)

Year	Service:

Essay Questions

Applicants **MUST** include an essay (maximum 250 words) addressing the following two questions. This is one essay addressing both questions listed below.

- How would you explain the importance of agriculture to someone who is critical of the agricultural industry?
- How important is the MCJLS to you, your family, and the community?

**McLennan County Youth Livestock Association
(MCJLS) Junior Director Program (JDP) Personal
Information for Publications Due with
application on April 15, 2026**

Information listed below can and will be used for publication purposes. By completing this form, you are granting permission to publicly share this information. Considering that, be professional, truthful, and honorable.

- **A professional headshot – photo needs to be from the shoulder up wearing professional attire.**
- **Biography – the following information should be written in 3rd person, should be concise and written in one paragraph. No more than 150 words**
 - **Grade**
 - **School**
 - **4-H/ FFA membership**
 - **Your projects**
 - **Hobbies**
 - **Future career**
 - **Why being a MCJLS Junior Director member is important to you**

McLennan County Junior Director AST/CEA/FCCLA Recommendation

Teacher/ Extension Agent Name _____

MCJLS JUNIOR DIRECTOR CANDIDATE

Organization Performance Record

The student listed below is running for a 2026-2027 MCJLS Junior Director position. Their responsibilities will include assisting at the county show, recruitment of sponsors, being a spokesperson for the MCJLS, and to help the Board of Directors work toward building a successful 2026-2027 youth livestock show.

In an effort to select responsible leaders that are good ambassadors to the student's school and/or county, please provide information regarding this student's performance in/within the organization in which you have worked with/beside this student. When completing this form, remember that our goal is to have a junior director that will effectively serve as both a leader and a role model. We are not asking you to make any personal judgments as to this student's character, only to communicate to us their organization performance.

MCJLS JUNIOR DIRECTOR CANDIDATE:

Please rate the candidate on a 1-5 scale for each category; 5 being the highest and 1 being the lowest.

Exhibits Behavior	1 – 5	Comments/ Examples
Completes work/Responsibilities		
Follows Directions/Participates Positively		
Interacts Positively with Peers		
Shows Leadership Potential		

Comments:

_____ I highly recommend this student to be a Junior Director.

_____ I do not recommend this student to be a Junior Director.

PLEASE EMAIL TO:

mclennanstockshow@gmail.com

By **April 15, 2026**

MCJLS Junior Director Score

Applicant Name:

Possible Score		Score
30	Written Application/Essay	
10	Interview – Appearance -Appropriate dress -Good posture -Neat hair	
10	Interview - Communication Skills -Voice should be direct and assertive, but natural -Self-assured, yet pleasant -Enthusiasm	
10	Interview – Poise -Calm, confident -Ability to keep composure -Ability to stay still and speak without fidgeting	
10	Interview – Presentation & Grammar -Correct, well-chosen words -Clearly conveys meaning -Ability to discuss topics in an easy to understand manner	
30	Interview – Response to Questions -Knowledgeable about the McLennan County Youth Livestock Association -Ability to discuss their own livestock projects	
Comments		TOTAL:

Judges Initials:

Possible MCJLS Junior Director Program Interview Questions

1. Why is community involvement and leadership important to you?
2. How would your friends describe you?
3. How would planning, organizing and supervising a community activity benefit your personal growth?
4. What skills are you hoping to learn/build on as a member of the Junior Director Program?
5. Tell us about your livestock/FCS/ag mechanics project and what it means to you.
6. Please talk about what you have learned as a result of being involved in the livestock/FCS/Ag Mechanics project and why is it important.
7. Why should I donate to a livestock show buyers group?
8. How do I get involved if I want to support your county livestock show?
9. When is the livestock show?
10. How much time per week is required to participate in a livestock/FCS/ag mechanics project?
11. Tell me, in 15 seconds, what you would say during a radio or TV interview to promote the McLennan County Youth Livestock Show.
12. If I'm involved in school athletics, do I have time to be involved? How do you balance it?
13. What keeps you interested in the livestock/FCS/ag mechanics project?