

Junior Superintendent Program 2026

Animal Science Junior Superintendent

Available positions: 5-8

Applicant Requirements:

- Registered Ontario County 4-H'er for at least one year
- Age 13+
- Show experience in particular species NOT required

Application Process:

- Submit application, resume and cover letter to sab423@cornell.edu by May 11th, 2026.

Job Description:

- Assist superintendent in preparing for show and securing show sponsors
- Help determine stall/pen assignments and label
- Create list of ribbons needed for show
- Assist with directing fair cleanup
- Assist with checking in animals on Monday/Tuesday of fair week
- See that all animals have adequate food and water and report any neglected animals.
- Assist with the show
- Other duties as assigned the adult superintendent
- Provide a writeup of recommendations for next year based on your experiences

Mandatory Dates:

May 11th: Applications Due

May 19th, 6pm: Interviews

June 11th, 6pm: Teen Leader Training

July 9th, 5pm: Fair Cleanup

July 21-25th: County Fair Week

Clover Creamery Junior Superintendent

Available positions: 1

Applicant Requirements:

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- Age 13+

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Job Description:

- Recruit youth to work at dairy bar
- Reach out to Upstate about donating milk
- Help clean/prep dairy bar
- Assist with shopping trip for supplies
- Be "On call" 15 hours during fair week to:
 - Check in during shift transitions and provide training/instruction if needed
 - Cover shifts if there are no-shows or understaffing problems
 - Check if we are low on supplies and communication for adult superintendent or 4-H Educator if things are needed.
- Other duties as assigned by adult superintendent.
- Meet post-fair to provide recommendations

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Junior Superintendent Program

Exhibit Hall Junior Superintendent

Available positions: 1

Applicant Requirements:

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- Age 13+

Application Process:

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Job Description:

- Coordinate cleanup of exhibit hall on Fair Cleanup Day
- Assist educators with decorating and setup before fair
- Check in exhibitors and help with any other needed tasks on project judging day
- Help with state fair selection process
- Work a two hour shift where they interact with the public
- Coordinate with teen leaders for activity shifts
- Assist with opening and closing exhibit hall each day and make sure it stays tidy and swept
- Other duties as assigned

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Junior Superintendent Program

Exhibit Hall Teen Leader

Available positions: Several

Applicant Requirements:

- Registered Ontario County 4-H'er for at least one year
- Age 11+

Application Process:

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Job Description:

- Work with 4-H Educator to schedule and plan an activity to take place in the exhibit hall during fair week to teach the public about 4-H projects
 - Examples: Community service creating dog toys, teaching how to milk a cow using a simulator, identifying animal tracks
- Work a 1 hour shift where they interact with the public
- Keep a tally of how many people they talked to
- Debrief with educator about activity success

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Junior Superintendent/Teen Leader Application

Name:

Age:

Years in 4-H:

I am applying for:

Teen Leader (ages 11+)

Junior Superintendent (Ages 13+)

If applying for a teen leader, what days/times would you be available to do a 1 hour session in the exhibit hall?

If Junior Superintendent, please indicate what roles are your first, second, and third choice by writing 1, 2, and 3 in front your favorite options.

Exhibit Hall

Goat

Clover Creamery

Beef

Chicken

Swine

Rabbit

Dairy

Sheep

Horse

Please list previous roles you have held as a junior superintendent if applicable: