



CRITERIA FOR THE BIG FRESNO FAIR

Community Champions Awards

OVERVIEW

The Big Fresno Fair is a showcase of the “best” in Fresno County, whether it is livestock, art, quilts or pies. Now, the Fair is focused on recognizing the “best people” in Fresno County through the new Community Champions Awards. The awards are designed to formally recognize individuals who have demonstrated an extraordinary passion for the betterment of Fresno County. Awards will be given in four categories: Youth, Volunteer, Humanitarian and Educator.

CRITERIA FOR INDUCTION

- Individuals will be nominated by the community and nominations submitted in writing to the 21st District Agricultural Association (dba “The Big Fresno Fair”) Board of Directors by August 15th of each year.
- All nominations will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and nominations will be voted on in open session as a regular agenda item and all ballots cast shall be closed.
- Each year, four Community Champions Awards will be given. One in each of the four categories:
 - Community Champion – Youth
 - Community Champion – Volunteer
 - Community Champion – Humanitarian
 - Community Champion – Educator

AWARD RECOGNITION

- Community Champions Award winners will be recognized at the Opening Ceremonies, at which time they will receive an award plaque in congratulations of their great contributions to Fresno County.
- Community Champions Award recipients’ names will be displayed on a high traffic wall of recognition for public viewing.
- The Big Fresno Fair web page will prominently showcase award winners on an annual basis.



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RECOMMENDATIONS & QUESTIONS

- Q. How will individuals be nominated for the Community Champions Awards? By a hardcopy, written submission? Online? Will we have a form on our website?
- *Applications will be available as a hard copy in the administration office or a downloadable PDF on the Fresno Fair website (www.fresnofair.com).*
 - *Applications can be mailed to the Fair, Attn: Board of Directors or faxed to 650-3226, Attn: Board of Directors.*
- Q. Are there criteria that each nomination has to meet?
- *Yes. That they have demonstrated significant contributions to Fresno County and its communities.*
- Q. Is there a limit to how many individuals one person/organization can nominate?
- *No. Individuals or organizations should be allowed to nominate as many people as they wish. Nominees that are not selected to receive a Big Fresno Fair Community Champions Award will automatically be re-submitted for the following year. Nominations will not be accepted from current Board of Directors to avoid any perception of a conflict of interest. Past Board Members, staff and the general public nominations will be eligible.*
- Q. Where will the “display” for the Community Champions Award recipients be located?
- *There will be a special display in the Fresno County Sesquicentennial Park to recognize these award winners.*
- Q. Will there be a formal ceremony each year to announce inductees?
- *Community Champion Award winners will be announced during the Opening Ceremonies each year and presented with a plaque.*



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NOMINATION FORM

The Big Fresno Fair Community Champions Awards

Nomination Process: To nominate an individual to receive The Big Fresno Fair Community Champions award in one of four categories, please fill out the nomination form completely. Then either mail it to: Attn: Board of Directors, The Big Fresno Fair, 1121 S. Chance Ave., Fresno, CA 93702, or Fax the nomination form to (559) 650-3226, Attn: Board of Directors by August 15, 2009.

Selection Process: All nominations will be reviewed by The Big Fresno Fair Board of Directors and voted on in an open session meeting. Community Champions Award recipients will be formally announced at The Big Fresno Fair Opening Ceremonies in October.

Nomination Form:

Nominee's Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____
E-Mail _____

Your Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____
E-Mail _____

Please circle one below:
Community Champion – Youth Community Champion - Humanitarian
Community Champion – Volunteer Community Champion – Educator

The Big Fresno Community Champions Awards are designed to honor those individuals who have significantly contributed to the betterment of Fresno County communities through various avenues. Based on the detailed requirements for each award category (listed on page 1) in less than 500 words describe why this individual should be the recipient of The Big Fresno Fair Community Champions Award.

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____



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