

BCYLA Junior Director Program

Division Chairperson –Lisa Kuhlmann

General Rules for the BCYLA 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 Brazos County Youth Livestock Association. JDP member duties will include providing outreach in the members' communities and schools as well as providing input to the BCYLA 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 Brazos County Livestock Show. During the livestock show, JDP members will assist with the ring set-up/rearranging/take-down, official market animal weigh-in, daily show ring preparations, ring steward, assist BCYLA Board and Queen contestants 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 BCYLA 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 BCYLA, 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 BCYLS the last two years
- Show leadership and admirable character
- Currently be enrolled and attending a Brazos County High/Private/Home School (9th to 12th grade)
- Attend scheduled committee meetings throughout the year (dates to be announced).
- Attend the Brazos County Youth Livestock Show to work during various events (scheduling opportunities will be announced later)
- BCYLA JDP selection process will be conducted on an annual basis. The adult Committee Chair will coordinate the application and interview process. BCYLA Board will approve the score sheet.
- The number of applicants selected to serve as BCYLA Junior Directors will be determined by the BCYLA Board of Directors based on the number and quality of the applicants.

Junior Director Program Member Responsibilities:

- Delivery of the top 20 buyer plaques and personal invitations to the show and buyer dinner at least one month in advance (February)
- Assist the BCYLA Queen if needed with media appearances and promotion of the BCYLA
- Assist Board and Division Chairs with check-in, show ring set-up, and coordination
- Attend and assist with the Brazos County Youth Livestock Show
- Be available to present and speak to any BCYLA buyers in any setting
- Seek ways to educate buyers about the positive impact that participating in BCYLA has had on you and your fellow exhibitors



Brazos County Youth Livestock Association (BCYLA)

Junior Director Program (JDP)

2026-2027 BCYLS Junior Director Information

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

Application and recommendation forms due: September 13, 2026 by 10:00 pm

A completed application consists of the application and essay response below, one (1) recommendation form, and biography. All required information must be submitted to bcylajrboard@gmail.com. Please note that incomplete applications not submitted to the email address above or before the deadline will not be processed.

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

Teams – The program will include a Promotional Team and a Show Team. Please indicate on your application which team you wish to apply for. Both teams will sign up for shifts and help wherever needed during show week, but only the Promotional Team will be responsible for delivering gifts to top buyers and participating in any interviews and promotional activities prior to the show. The number of members on each team will be determined by the Board of Directors and will depend on the number and quality of applicants.

Junior Director Chair and Vice Chair - Incoming high school juniors or seniors are eligible to apply for the position of Junior Director Chair and Vice Chair. Only Promotional Team applicants will be considered for these positions. Eligible applicants must indicate interest in applying on their application. The Junior Director Chair and Vice Chair will be selected by the same panel of judges conducting the in-person interviews. Selection criteria include: demonstrated ability to lead a team and follow directions, proven ability to be responsible in managing multiple tasks, and strong communication and interpersonal skills.

Duties of these roles include but are not limited to:

- Assist the Division Chairperson with scheduling as needed
- May fulfill additional responsibilities with buyers/sponsors upon request
- Assist with preparation of BCYLS presentations to community groups
- Serve as Junior Director program liaison during the BCYLS in absence of the Chair

In-person interviews: September 22, 2026, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Applicants applying for the Promotional Team will be required to participate in an in-person interview. Interviews will take place at the Brazos County Extension Office. Applicants will receive further details once applications are received.

Junior Directors announced: on or before October 10, 2026

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

Mandatory Meeting: November 12, 2026, 5:30 pm

It is required that all BCYLA Junior Directors and at least one (1) parent attend this meeting at the Brazos County Extension Office.

BCYLS Junior Director Expectations

- Fulfill minimum requirement for delivery of top buyer awards (promotional team only)
- Attend mandatory meetings leading up to show
- BCYLS Week – 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
 - Set-up for Special Edition Livestock Show

Failure to meet expectations above may result in disqualification of current or future participation in the BCYLA Junior Director Program.

2026-2027 BCYLS Junior Director Application

Due by 10:00 pm on September 13, 2026

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

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

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

4-H Club or FFA Chapter: _____

I wish to apply for (check all that you wish to be considered for):

☐ Promotional Team

☐ Show Team

☐ Chairman or Vice Chairman (must be applying for Promotional Team and be a high school junior or senior)

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, etc.)

Year	Organization	Office, Award, Honor:

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

Year	Project:

6. Have you served BCYLA 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 BCYLA to you, your family, and the community?**

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Personal Information for Publications
Due with application on September 13, 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.

Biography – Please write one paragraph in third person and include the following information. Please be concise.

- **Grade**
- **School**
- **4-H/ FFA membership**
- **Your projects**
- **Hobbies**
- **Future career**
- **Why being a BCYLA Junior Director member is important to you**

Brazos County Junior Director Recommendation

Must be from an AST/CEA/FCCLA Advisor, or BCYLA Committee Chair

Recommender Name and Title: _____

BCYLS JUNIOR DIRECTOR CANDIDATE

Organization Performance Record

The student listed below is running for a 2026-2027 BCYLS Junior Director position. Their responsibilities will include assisting at the county show, recruitment of sponsors, being a spokesperson for the BCYLA, 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.

BCYLS 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: bcylajrboard@gmail.com

By ***September 13, 2026!***

BCYLS Junior Director Score Sheet

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 Brazos County Youth Livestock Association -Ability to discuss their own livestock projects	
Comments		TOTAL:

Judges Initials:

Possible BCYLS 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 Brazos 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?