



Elders' Committee
Oregon Country Fair
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS and ANSWERS from the Elders Committee:

Q: Who qualifies to be an Elder?

A: Any Fair participant who has served the Fair as Staff, Booth Member, +/-or Entertainer **for at least 20 years and who is over age 55 at the time of the next Fair.**

Q: How do I apply to become an Elder?

A: Applications are available from the OCF Office or the OCF *Fair Family Website* (not the URL above). Once you go to the following link <http://oregoncountryfair.net/> . Look under APPLICATIONS > ELDER STATUS ... click to download the form. **The deadline for the Current Fair is FEBRUARY 1st.** Please print clearly, type and snail mail, or submit your application electronically.

Q: Where do I send my application?

A: Mail it to: OCF Office, Attn: Elders 442 Lawrence St., Eugene, OR 97401
Or email it to elderapplications@gmail.com.

Q: How do I know if I have been approved as an Elder?

A: The Elders Committee will send out a letter to notify you.

Q: Can I keep my Job, Booth or Position and still be recognized as an Elder?

A: YES. After applying and being approved, you obtain what is termed "Elder Status." However, for any year you obtain your pass through Elders, you cannot work your traditional job, booth or position.

Q: If I qualify for Elder Status, must I apply?

A: NO! No Fair Family Member is required to obtain Elder Status through the Elders Committee.

Q: If I have Elder Status, must I get my wristband through the Elders Committee?

A: NO! No person with Elder Status can be pressured into obtaining their wristband/admission through the Elder's Committee! You may continue to be staff, crew, crafter, entertainer, etc., and get your wristband as you always have.

Q: Can I remain a crafter in a booth and get my pass through Elders?

A: NO! In February 2013, the Board of Directors passed a policy change that A craftsman who elects to obtain their wristband through the Elders program may not remain active selling their crafts in any craft booth during the public hours of the Fair in that calendar year.

A: The Elders Committee has never passed an **official policy** on this issue because it overlaps with policy made by Fair Management, Craft Committee, and Inventory.

Q: If I have Elder Status and elect to get my wristband through the Elders Committee, can I also obtain a wristband through my crew, booth, area of the Fair?

A: NO! For a single person to be issued more than one wristband is a violation of OCF Fair Policy. The Elders Committee is prepared to deny the issuance of a wristband to any person with Elder Status who violates Fair Policy.

Q: Can a Booth Rep with Elder Status obtain their camping pass through Elders and still be a Booth Rep?

A: NO! Again, as of February 2013, the Board of Directors passed a policy change that A craftsperson who elects to obtain their wristband through the Elders program may not remain active selling their crafts in any craft booth during the public hours of the Fair in that calendar year. This is irrespective of whether the crafter is a Booth Representative.

Q: Do I have to give up Booth Rep Status to a crafter from another booth if I elect to get my wristband through the Elders Committee?

A: NO. The new booth rep can be anyone you (the Booth) choose, but they need to be an active crafter for 2 years in your booth. Most in this situation are introducing their family members and the family of other booth members to crafting.

Q: Can a person obtain Elder Status if they have just attended as an “SOP” or paid for admission to the Fair?

A: This question depends on the individual’s circumstances and answers submitted on the application for Elder Status. The Elders Committee interprets the intent of the OCF Board motion to grant “Elder Status” as meaning that the applicant must have “contributed” to the OCF in some verifiable way.

Q: If I receive Elder Status, but do not attend the Fair every year, do I still remain a voting member of the OCF?

A: YES. The Board of Directors approved a change in the OCF By-Laws that permits this circumstance.

Q: How will I get my Vehicle Sticker?

A: If you are getting your pass through Elders, you may request and purchase a vehicle sticker at the same time. You will pick it up with your wristband, but there are a limited number, so vehicle stickers are not guaranteed.

Q: Can I get an S.O. pass or Teen pass with my Elder pass?

A: The Elders Committee has a ***Companion Pass and a Teen/Youth Pass*** that is available by filling out a form that we have developed and returning it to the Committee.

Q: What is a ***Companion Pass*** and its qualifications?

A: A Companion Pass is issued by the Elders Committee for the physical, emotional support and assistance of a qualified OCF Elder. The qualified Elder applies for the companion and signs the application. There is a deadline and fee associated with the application.

Q: When will I be able to apply for a wristband through the Elders Committee?

A: Around Early - April of every year, the Elders Committee sends out an ELDERS PASS REQUEST FORM. This form will allow you to make choices about the current Fair.

Q: How can I share my stories of the early Fairs? A: Contact the Fair office if you wish to contribute to the History Book Project. Write the fair at the address above or email office@oregoncountryfair.org .

Q: How can I help in the elder process?

A: Contact us: we are continually looking for volunteers on Elder projects. Write Elderwristbands@gmail.com or ocfelderscontact@gmail.com

If you have a question, contact us!

Application process: elderapplications@gmail.com

Wristbands: elderwristbands@gmail.com

All other: ocfelderscontact@gmail.com

Come visit us at our website: www.ocfelderscouncil.org



OCF ELDER STATUS APPLICATION

Elders' Committee

Oregon Country Fair, 442 Lawrence Street

Eugene, OR, 97401

Application Deadline is FEBRUARY 1st for the current Fair year

PLEASE PRINT. Please include ALL information Requested

1. NAME: _____ Date: _____

2. Nicknames: _____

3. Address: _____

4. City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

5. Phone: (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____

6. Email or other Message Contact: _____

Note: By providing your Email address, you will be opted IN to the Elder Words and other communications sent by Email.

7. Current Fair Affiliation: _____

8. Do you have physical +/-or medical consideration? Circle One: YES NO

9. Total years service/participation: _____ 10. Current Age: _____

11. List Years with positions, coordinators, booth reps or others who can verify your participation and volunteerism for the Oregon Country Fair, including their name, eMail, Phone, or address if available. In addition, you may also attach any xerox copies, photos, or scans of information that you feel will help you to identify you or your years of volunteer service. However, copies of laminates and wristbands without supporting information is **not** sufficient for you or your years of volunteer service.

12. If Elder Status is denied, you may reapply after the current Fair year in the Fall.

SIGNED: _____

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Thank you very much! The Elders Committee