



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: _____

Please continue on back if needed.

Thank you very much! The Elders Committee



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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: www.oregoncountryfair.net. Look under APPLICATIONS AND FORMS > ELDER STATUS ... click to download the form. **The deadline to apply for Elder Status is FEBRUARY 1st.** Please print clearly and snail mail, or scan and send your application electronically.

Q: Where do I send my application?

A: Mail 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 email you. If you must receive communications via snail mail, please make sure to request that on your application.

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 also get a wristband via your traditional job, booth or position. For example, you cannot get your wristband through Elders and also be the Booth Rep for your booth.

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

A: NO. Many Elders remain in their crew/booth/entertainer role each year, and no person with Elder Status should be pressured into obtaining their wristband/admission through the Elder's Committee. We will ask you in January or February of each year what you wish to do for the upcoming Fair.

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 Craftsperson who elects to obtain their wristband through the Elders program may not sell their crafts during the public hours of the Fair in that calendar year.

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

A: NO. You may not receive a wristband via Elders and also be the Booth Rep.

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 Rep) choose, but they need to be an active Crafter for 2 years in your booth.

Q: Can a person obtain Elder Status if they have just attended as an "SO" 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. These situations are handled on a case-by-case basis.

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: Once I have Elder Status, when do I request a wristband for the current year?

A: In January or February each year, the Elders Committee sends out the LETTER OF INTENT via email or snail mail (however you have opted to communicate with the Elders). This form will allow you to let the Elders Committee know if you will be purchasing and Elders wristband for the upcoming Fair.

Q: If I let the Elders know that I will be getting a wristband through Elders for the upcoming Fair, when do I purchase my Elders' wristband?

A: You will receive your PASS REQUEST FORM in early April. The deadline for submitting your payment is usually May 25. Keep an eye on the current years' PASS REQUEST FORM in case this date changes.

Q: Can I get an SO pass or a Teen pass with my Elder wristband?

A: The Elders Committee will allow you to request something we call a **Companion Pass or a Teen/Youth Pass** on your ELDERS' PASS REQUEST FORM. You may choose one or the other but not both.

Q: What is a **Companion Pass**?

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 requests their Companion when filling out their PASS REQUEST FORM. There is a cost associated with a Companion Pass.

Q: How can I help with Elders projects?

A: Contact us: we are continually looking for volunteers.

Q. How can I share my stories of the early Fairs?

A: Contact www.fairfamilyradio.com. They are collecting stories and sharing some with the Fair's very own radio station, KOCF!

If you have a question, contact us!

Application process: elderapplications@gmail.com

Wristbands: elderwristbands@gmail.com

All other: ocfelderscontact@gmail.com