



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: What is the deadline for applications for the current Fair?

A: **The deadline for the Current Fair is FEBRUARY 1st.**

Q: How do I apply to become an Elder?

A: An application needs to be filled out and sent to the Elders application subcommittee.

Q: Where can I find an application?

A: Applications are available at the OCF office and can also be downloaded from the Elders website <https://ocfelders.weebly.com/>, and the OCF Fair Family Website <http://oregoncountryfair.net/>.

Look under APPLICATIONS > ELDER STATUS ... click to download the form. Please print clearly.

Q: How do I return my application?

A: Mail or bring it in to:

OCF Office, Attn: Elders 442 Lawrence St Eugene, OR 97401

Or, scan it or take a photo and 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 a letter of congratulations and FAQ's.

If you must receive communication via snail mail, please make sure to request this in 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 a 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 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 through Elders and also be a 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 in 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 of 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 an elders wristband for the upcoming Fair.

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

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

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 will allow you to request something we call a ***Companion Pass and a Teen/Youth Pass*** on your ELDER’s 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 the Companion Pass.

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

A: The Elders Website is collecting stories, They can be contacted via ocfelderwebsite@gmail.com. You can also contact www.fairfamilyradio.com to share stories.

Q: How can I help in the Elder projects?

A: Contact the Elder volunteer subcommittee at eldervolunteers@gmail.com. We are continually looking for volunteers on Elder projects.

If you have any questions, contact us!

Application process: elderapplications@gmail.com

Wristbands: elderwristbands@outlook.com

Elder website: <https://ocfelders.weebly.com/>