



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* (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 MARCH 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 87401

Or email it to ocfelders@hotmail.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. You obtain what is termed "Elder Status."

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: YES.

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! As of May 2009, the Elders Committee passed with consensus the following protocol to be followed when issuing a wristband or camping pass to those with Elder Status:

It shall be Elder Committee protocol, that persons who obtain their wristband or admission to the OCF by virtue of Elder Status, shall not obtain another wristband or admission assigned to their name that they control.

Intent: The intent of this motion is to prevent two or more wristbands being assigned to a single person over which they control disposition or assignment.

Consequences: Again, 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: Do I have to give up Booth Rep Status to a crafter from another booth?

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.

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 mid-March 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 ocfelders@hotmail.com