



# 2007 NJAS "Daily News" STAFF APPLICATION

**For NJAA members ages 14 to 21.**

*This new project is sponsored by the A-OK 2007 Committee and coordinated by Julie McMahon French. Shelly Sitton, PhD, Oklahoma State University Ag Communications, is serving as project advisor and experienced OSU Ag Comm students will work daily with the newspaper staff as project managers. Volunteer adults with professional communications experience will assist the NJAA newspaper staff.*

## PERSONAL INFORMATION *Print information on this sheet.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER CODE \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (Home) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPATION APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUR SCHEDULE AT NJAS *Check the activities you are committed to in Tulsa. Jobs will be assigned on days and times that do not conflict with your schedule.*

### LEADERSHIP ROLES

\_\_\_ NJAA Board \_\_\_ Host Committee \_\_\_ Candidate/ Delegate \_\_\_ Mentor \_\_\_ State Queen

### CONTESTS, SHOWS & ACTIVITIES

Monday, July 2

\_\_\_ Queens' Tea \_\_\_ Mentoring Mixer

Tuesday, July 3

\_\_\_ Prepared Public Speaking \_\_\_ Judging Contest \_\_\_ CAB Cook-Off

Wednesday, July 4

\_\_\_ Steers \_\_\_ Bred & Owned Cow/Calf Pairs \_\_\_ Owned Cow/Calf Pairs \_\_\_ Bred & Owned Bulls  
 \_\_\_ Extemporaneous Public Speaking \_\_\_ Team Sales \_\_\_ Quiz Bowl

Thursday, July 5

\_\_\_ Bred & Owned Heifers \_\_\_ Team Fitting Contest

Friday, July 6

\_\_\_ Owned Heifers \_\_\_ Showmanship

Saturday, July 7

\_\_\_ Owned Heifers

\_\_\_ I AM NOT INVOLVED IN SHOWS & CONTESTS and want to work on the "Daily News" staff each day.

\_\_\_ I AM NOT ATTENDING THE SHOW and want to contribute to the "Daily News" as a correspondent from home.  
*Apply for job descriptions marked with an asterisk. \**

## JOB DESCRIPTIONS

*Print information on this sheet.*

*Rank your top three choices 1, 2, and 3. Check all other job descriptions that also interest you.*

*You will be working with others on a team with adult supervision. You can work in more than one job or department so that you can explore different tasks and skills. We will be careful to assign jobs on days and times that do not conflict with your schedule.*

*Some job descriptions will require a sample of your original work with your application. Please see next page.*

### EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

- Editor
- General News Reporter
- Feature Writer
- Opinion Columnist\*
- "Dear Agnus" Humorous Advice Columnist\*
- Correspondent in the Field\*
- Daily Game "Search for the American Dream"
- Daily Polltaker
- State News Reporter
- Typist
- Proofreader

### ART DEPARTMENT

- Graphic Artist (Circle the Adobe systems in which you have skills: Photoshop    In Design    Illustrator)
- Photographer
- Cartoonist\*
- Puzzlemaker\*(crossword, word search, etc.)

### BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

- Business Manager
- Production Manager
- Advertising Sales (You will be selling personal message ads to NJAS participants, parents and spectators.)
- Administrative Assistant
- Daily Distribution

I WILL BRING MY OWN LAPTOP COMPUTER \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle PC or Mac)

*Your computer will be your responsibility at all times.*

I WILL BRING MY OWN DIGITAL CAMERA \_\_\_\_\_

*Your camera will be your responsibility at all times.*

## WORK SAMPLES

To apply for the specific jobs listed in each of the three departments below, follow the directions and create an original sample of your work. Attach each sample you create to your application.

*EXAMPLE: If you are interested in working as an editor and/or any type of writer listed, send a writing sample.*

*If you ALSO wish to work as a photographer and a production manager, send three work samples: a writing sample, a photography sample and your answers for the business department situations.*

*If the job you are interested in is NOT specifically listed below, no work sample is required.*

*Please understand and accept that the work samples you submit are expected to be YOUR original work. Be honest when presenting samples of your skill level and experience. The project managers and professional volunteers will be on hand to help you learn and develop your talent through this project, but you must be able to DO the work yourself on site.*

*Your work samples are not being "GRADED." They will be used to make accurate and effective assignments of job responsibilities and some work samples submitted may be published in the 2007 issues of the "Daily News."*

### (1) EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

EDITOR, NEWS REPORTER, FEATURE WRITER, COLUMNIST, CORRESPONDENT

Interview an Angus breeder on what "The American Dream" means to them.

Write a 250-500 word profile of the person which includes direct quotes.

(Should be typed and double-spaced. Should be no more than two pages.)

### (2) ART DEPARTMENT

PHOTOGRAPHER

On one sheet of 8.5 x 11 paper, print three different ACTION photos you have taken.

Write a descriptive news-style caption for each photo.

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Write and design an 8.5 x 11 promotional flyer to recruit young people for NJAA membership.

Go to [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info) to research and select factual information you will include. Design the flyer in a clear, concise, artistic manner that conveys the benefits of membership which would make a person want to join.

CARTOONIST

On one sheet of 8.5 x 11 paper, draw a cartoon with a one-line caption that corresponds with the show theme "The American Dream." Your cartoon illustration may include cattle or other animals, people, a farm or show scene; but it does not HAVE to be cattle-oriented. It may be humorous, patriotic or political in nature and should appeal to the general audience of National Junior Angus Show participants, parents and spectators.

PUZZLEMAKER

On one sheet of 8.5 x 11 paper, build a crossword or word search puzzle using a variety of words that correspond to the theme "The American Dream." Other types of puzzles are acceptable as well, but must be suitable for the general audience of National Junior Angus Show participants, parents and spectators.

### (3) BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

BUSINESS MANAGER OR PRODUCTION MANAGER

On one sheet of 8.5 x 11 paper, briefly describe how you would use your skills and experience in these three situations:

- Encourage a younger staff member to try to do something new.
- Motivate a group of teens who don't know each other to work together.
- Follow-up with a fellow staff member to ensure that a deadline is met.

## **RESUME**

*On one sheet of 8.5 x 11 paper, list in resume format your specific experience in each of the five areas listed below.*

*Remember, we just want to know you better and there are no right or wrong answers.*

*You may not have experience in all areas, and that's okay! List only those that apply to you.*

*If you have limited experience that's okay too! Just be specific about which areas you'd like to learn and practice new skills.*

*Please feel free to show your creativity and organizational skills in designing your resume page.*

### **(1) CREATIVE EXPERIENCE**

List your writing, photography, graphic design, and editing experience.

### **(2) SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

List your school, church, 4-H, FFA and other club or community work.

### **(3) ANGUS ASSOCIATION INVOLVEMENT**

List your offices, participation, responsibilities, and activities.

### **(4) PERSONAL INTERESTS**

List your hobbies, special talents and the school subjects that most interest you.

### **(5) MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE**

List experiences in which you have developed organizational and leadership skills.

## **PERSONAL REFERENCE**

*Ask a teacher, leader, advisor or employer to write a brief letter of reference on your behalf.*

*The letter can be written on any size paper and included with your application.*

*The letter should cover your creative talent, work habits, organizational skills, attention to detail and ability to cooperate on a team project.*

## **YOUR "DAILY NEWS" STAFF APPLICATION MUST BE SENT BY MAIL (NOT E-MAILED).**

### **POSTMARK DEADLINE IS MAY 15.**

(1) Attach all pages with with a large paper clip with the PERSONAL INFORMATION sheet on top. Do not fold the pages.

(2) Mail your application in a large envelope to:

Julie McMahon French  
1262 Van Dyke  
Beaverton MI 48612

(3) Questions? Contact Julie French.

Phone: 989-435-2599

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