

Being given the position of the Wayne County Fair Apprentice is not only an honor for the recipient but a valuable learning experience every youth can benefit from. Through speaking at the opening ceremonies as well as during a radio interview strengthened my public speaking skills to the point where I jump at the opportunity to present in front of a group and minimal worries. Giving presentations in college classes, professors compliment me on the ease I seem to bring to speaking in front of an audience; and I credit the Wayne County Fair with helping me to get to the point I am at now.

In addition being an event planning major in college, having the opportunity to organize the Celebrity Goat Milking Contest gave me valuable real-world experience in the field I strive to work in one day. Through gaining knowledge in recruitment, communication and facilitation, I now possess the skills I need to organize an event on my own through the guidance I gained at the Wayne County Fair. Attending meetings before the fair occurs strengthened my understanding of all that is entailed in the planning process as well as how valuable teamwork is to making any event a success.

The people involved at the Wayne County Fair strive to teach youth and groom them to become the leaders of the next generation, and I would encourage all youth to apply for the Apprenticeship because you never know what may happen!

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