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### **FAIR SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR 2011 FAIR COURT**

The Umatilla County Fair is seeking applicants for the 2011 Fair Court. Applicants must be between 16-20 years of age prior to October 1, 2010 and presently enrolled in school or have a diploma. In addition, the applicant must be a Umatilla County resident. Participants will receive a college scholarship upon completion of their duties on the Court.

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that a new emphasis has been placed on Court members and their role as Ambassadors for the Fair and the County for the coming year. Therefore, no equine experience is required.

As an applicant for the 2011 Court, applicants will be expected to prepare and present a speech (3-5 minutes in length) describing your interest in serving as a member of the Umatilla County Fair Court, why you would be the best person to serve as an Ambassador for the Fair and the County, and your personal experience attending or participating in the Fair as an exhibitor through 4-H or FFA.

This is a great opportunity for you to represent Umatilla County and the Fair, not only during the week of fair in August, but at parades and other functions throughout Eastern Oregon and Washington in 2011 should you be selected as a member of the Court. Each year members of the Umatilla County Fair Court receive a scholarship upon completion of their reign (*amount of the scholarship is determined each year by the Board of Directors*).

**Applications, letters of reference, photograph and signed agreement is due no later than 5:00 pm, Monday, November 1, 2010 at the Fair office in Hermiston.**

Applications can be obtained at all Umatilla County High Schools, BMCC, 4H Extension offices, Umatilla County Fair website, or at the Fair Office in Hermiston. Late applications will be returned. For additional information please contact the Fair Office at (541) 567-6121 or (800) 700-FAIR, or email [fair@umatillacounty.net](mailto:fair@umatillacounty.net).