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**Junior Board of
Directors
2020-2021**

Application for Junior Board of Directors

Application Deadline is

April 20th



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To Student Applicants

You are very important to Farmers and Merchants Bank. The future of Putnam County depends upon each new generation of successful business and professional people who make their homes in our area.

Through Farmers and Merchants Bank's Junior Board of Directors, we seek to work with a group of interested young people who will help us identify better ways to serve our community. In return, Farmers and Merchants Bank will provide education in financial responsibility, as well as to provide you with the leadership skills that are beneficial for future success. **Attendance to the meetings will be very important.** If a student has more than 2 unexcused absences they will be asked to step down from the board. We know and understand that there will be scheduling conflicts with other group activities you are a member of however we also expect the same level of commitment you make to these to be made to the Jr. Board Program. Please be mindful of this when applying and take your attendance seriously.

The Junior Board is ultimately chosen by an outside Selection Committee, made up of local business people, retired school teachers and/or religious leaders. The members of the selection committee have no affiliation with Farmers and Merchants Bank.

In addition, Farmers and Merchants Bank will award scholarships, one from each school, to outstanding senior members of the Junior Board. These scholarships will not be automatically awarded. They must be earned.

Join us in working for a brighter future for Farmers and Merchants Bank and Putnam County.



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Farmers and Merchants Bank Junior Board of Directors

- Students from the Putnam County School System and Gatewood Schools are chosen annually in the spring of each year. (You must be an upcoming Senior in the Fall)
- Term begins in May and last throughout the school year. Attendance at one summer activity will be required (typically the Torture Trail Road Races, which take place the first Saturday in June).

Duties

- Attend monthly meetings (*we ask that you do not miss more than TWO meetings*)
- Provide guidance on how Farmers and Merchants Bank can better serve the young adult market.
- Take an active part in bank and/or community projects
- Represent Farmers and Merchants Bank as a delegate to the community.

Benefits to the Participant

- A learning experience that will be beneficial for future success
- Educational opportunity for community involvement
- Yearly Trip
- Checking Account (You will be required to open a checking account at Farmers and Merchants Bank)
- Scholarship
- Become a young leader in community
- Community service experience for college applications
- Picture on Junior Board Billboard

Junior Board of Directors

- All applications are due on April 20th.
- Applicants must fill out the application and present TWO letters of recommendation.
- Applicants must write an essay on one of the following topics: (200 – 250 words)
 - **What a Community Bank means to the local community.**
 - **What does Leadership mean to you?**
- **TWO** Letters of recommendation: one should be from a **local business leader** and one from a **teacher** based on academic achievements and/or leadership abilities.
- The Junior Board will consist of Seniors.

- The Junior Board position runs from May to May of the next year.
- The Junior Board goes on one field trip a year to the Chick-Fil-A Headquarters in Atlanta Georgia.
- The Junior Boards will meet on at least one Saturday for a Ropes Course Challenge at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. There may also be other Saturday volunteer events the board members are asked to attend (attendance for these won't be mandatory but highly encouraged. Ex. Torture Trail Races, Shred day, etc).
- The Junior Board members will have a party in May to say goodbye to the old board members and hello the new.

Disciplinary Action

- Any action that does not represent the bank or yourself in a respectable manner will be grounds for dismissal. It will be at the banks sole discretion to determine when a dismissal is appropriate.
- ***Two unexcused absences from the monthly meetings will result in dismissal from the board.*** We know and understand that there will be scheduling conflicts with other group activities you are a member of however we also expect the same level of commitment you make to these to be made to the Jr. Board Program. Please be mindful of this when applying and take your attendance seriously.

Shirts

- Junior Board members are expected to wear their bank shirts and khaki's to all meetings and projects (Bank shirts will be provided.)



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Last Name _____ First _____

Date of Birth _____

Physical Street Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Parent(s) Name _____

School Name _____

School Grade _____

Clubs/Organization/Sport(s) you are involved in: *(Please feel free to attach a typed list if necessary)*

Awards/Honors received: *(Please feel free to attach a typed list if necessary)*

Community Involvement: *(Please feel free to attach a typed list if necessary)*



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****Local Business Leader Recommendation for Junior Board of Directors**

(Please attach typed letter of recommendation or provided sealed letter with application)

****Teacher Recommendation for Junior Board of Directors**

(Please attach typed letter of recommendation or provided sealed letter with application)



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Criteria for Scholarship Consideration

A scholarship may be awarded to a Junior Board Member from Putnam County High School, Gatewood School and/or Lake Oconee Academy. They must display extraordinary understanding of community banking, be active in community activities, attend the meetings and conduct themselves appropriately considering the position of Junior Board Member of FMB.

At the end of each school year, the seniors on the Junior Board can apply for a scholarship presented by Farmers and Merchants Bank. The following is the criteria for scholarship consideration:

- Typed essay, length and subject to be announced at the April Board Meeting.
- Junior Board participation with meetings, projects and/or events and contributions
- Meeting Attendance
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Three letters of recommendation from a teacher, business leader and recognized community leader. (i.e. Pastor)

All of the above criteria will be considered in determining the Scholar to be awarded this year's scholarship. You don't have to meet all the above criteria. A combination of the criteria will determine the best candidate.