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**Junior Board of
Directors
2024-2025**

Application for Junior Board of Directors

**Application Deadline is
April 1st, 2024**



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To Student Applicants

You are very important to Farmers & 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 & 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 & Merchants Bank will provide education in financial responsibility, as well as to provide you with the leadership skills that are beneficial for future success in your community and life. **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 & Merchants Bank.

In addition, Farmers & 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 & Merchants Bank and our local communities.



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Farmers & Merchants Bank Junior Board of Directors

- Students from the Putnam and surrounding counties 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 in at least one volunteer opportunity with the Junior Board is required.

Duties

- Attend monthly meetings (*we ask that you do not miss more than TWO meetings*)
- Provide guidance on how Farmers & Merchants Bank can better serve the young adult market.
- Take an active part in bank and/or community projects.
- Represent Farmers & 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.
- Volunteerism.
- Checking Account (You will be required to open a checking account at Farmers & Merchants Bank for your attended monthly meeting payment deposit.)
- 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 1, 2024.
- 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 participates in to be determined community events.
- The Junior Board will have at least one Saturday event of participation. 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. Shred day at FMB, etc).
- The Junior Board members will participate in a cookout in May to say goodbye to the old board members and welcome the new providing opportunities to share experiences.

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 _____

Please provide the following:

1. A list of Clubs/Organization/Sport(s) you are involved in: *(Please attach a typed list)*
2. A list of Awards/Honors received: *(Please attach a typed list)*
3. A list of Community Involvement: *(Please attach a typed list)*
4. An essay on one of the one of the following topics: (200 – 250 words)
 - a. What a Community Bank means to the local community.
 - b. What does Leadership mean to you?
5. Local Business Leader Recommendation for Junior Board of Directors
6. Teacher Recommendation for Junior Board of Directors
(Please attach the typed letters of recommendation or provided sealed letters with application)