Arkansas Livestock Show Association Announces Position Opening for Full-Time Employment Livestock Director

Located in Little Rock, Arkansas, The Arkansas Livestock Show Association (ALSA) mission is to "conduct the annual Arkansas State Fair, Support and promote youth and youth development, Showcase Arkansas with a focus on agriculture, livestock, the arts, and technology, and operate the Arkansas State Fair Complex providing facilities for year-round use."

The Arkansas Livestock Show Association is seeking a full-time Livestock Director. This position will oversee the management of the competitive entries for the Arkansas State Fair Livestock Show and Premium Sale and other livestock activities throughout the year. The starting salary will depend upon previous experience, qualifications and agreed upon work schedule. It is estimated that the majority of hours spent will take place during the Annual Arkansas State Fair, with additional hours spent in planning and preparation for the State Fair and other events throughout the year.

The ideal candidate will possess a bachelor's degree in livestock, agriculture, or a related area of study, and four years' experience in a related industry, or equivalent combination of education and experience. Knowledge of Microsoft office software applications is required.

A candidate should have excellent interpersonal skills; ability to work well both with supervision and independently; excellent written and oral communications; strong organizational and time management skills; quick learner and self-motivated. The candidate must be able to multitask and prioritize effectively and must perform well under pressure. Additionally, the candidate must be able to perform normal physical tasks encountered in a normal office and stock show environment.

Specific duties include, but are not limited to the following:

• Work with the Livestock Committee (made up from representatives of 4H, FFA and all breed superintendents) in creating a Livestock Show that is focused on the exhibitors and their animals; with a goal of providing a safe and rewarding experience for our exhibitors, their families, and guests.

- Communicate with and through the Livestock Committee to all livestock-related audiences
- Coordinate the special awards for all breed divisions; order ribbons, trophies, belt-buckles and various show supplies
- Assist breed superintendents with all pre-Fair needs
- Respond to inquiries for all breed competitions
- Work with Livestock Committee in education of each breed's Rules and Regulations to all judges
- Oversee the enforcement of all Rules and Regulations and adjudicate all protests in conjunction with superintendents
- Coordinate the hiring and training of temporary livestock support staff
- Work with sponsors and Livestock Committee to oversee and administer the scholarship programs
- Work with sponsors and Livestock Committee in raising funding for the Sale of Champions
- Report directly to the ALSA President and General Manager and provide regular written reports on the progress of all Fair-related Livestock activities.
- Additional activities where necessary.