

# CONTRIBUTION \* APPLICATION

## *Merchants Association of Columbia County*

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#### **Our Mission Statement**

As a non-profit organization we look at our organization as a community resource, with one of our functions being to provide a quality County Fair for our guests and to enhance educational opportunities available at the fairgrounds with emphasis on youth and agriculture, while uniting urban and rural communities in celebration. We strive to entertain and promote our communities' traditions, talents, diversity, vision and agricultural heritage, in a secure and fiscally responsible way and to promote education for the youth of our area through exhibits, tours and the funding of scholarships. We highly encourage the participation of youth in these endeavors. Our goal is to develop and implement guidelines to assist in designing wholesome family activities to educate, entertain, stimulate and challenge fairgoers. It is also our goal to preserve the heritage of our state and community through the fair with wholesome family events and challenge organizations and citizens to connect and engage in maintaining, improving, and sustaining the livable qualities of our community for today and the future.

#### **Guidelines for Applying for Contributions**

##### *Eligibility:*

Any charitable organization under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code and other public entities or charitable, education or cultural organizations.

##### *Criteria:*

Positively impact children and families in need.

Address a significant problem impacting a major portion of the community.

Deliver the requested services in Columbia County and the Central Savannah River Area.

##### *Term:*

Contributions are usually for one year and cannot be guaranteed to continue unless approved by the Board of Directors of the Merchants Association of Columbia County.

Each organization must complete a new application each year.

##### *How to apply:*

Any 501©(3) organization in a contribution should follow these steps:

Obtain an application form by visiting [www.columbiacountyfair.net](http://www.columbiacountyfair.net).

Submit the application to P.O. Box 204455, Martinez, Georgia, 30907 OR [columbiacountyfair@gmail.com](mailto:columbiacountyfair@gmail.com).

Deadline for applications to be submitted each year is December 31.

Applicants will be notified of awards by February 28.

# Contact Information

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**Full Legal Organization Name**

**Mailing Address**

**City**

**State**

**Zip Code**

**Physical Address (if different)**

**City**

**State**

**Zip Code**

**Organization Website**

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**Organization President /  
Executive Director**

**Title**

**Phone Number**

**E-Mail Address**

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**Contact Person**  
(if different)

**Title**

**Phone Number**

**E-Mail Address**

# Organization Information

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**501(c)(3)?**

Yes

No

**Year Established**

**Federal Tax ID Number**

**Board of Directors**  
(Members and Titles)

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<b>Program Type</b>	
<b>Total Organization Budget</b>	<b>Total # of Board Members</b>
<b>Total # of Staff</b>	<b>Total # of Volunteers</b>

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**Organizational Mission Statements**  
(350 characters or less)

**Brief Description of Organization & History**  
(500 characters or less)

**What are your current major programs?**

**Population Served**  
(200 characters or less, include age groups, race & ethnicity, income levels, etc.)

## Proposal Request

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**Program / Project Name**

**Total Program Budget**

**Requested Amount**

**Percent of Total Budget**

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**Geographic Area Served**

**Purpose of the Contribution**

**How, specifically, will the contribution be spent?**

**How will this program, if funded, make a difference?**  
(please be specific and detail outcomes and methods of gathering information)

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PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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- OR -  
via e-mail to [columbiacountyfair@gmail.com](mailto:columbiacountyfair@gmail.com)*