

Sonoma County Fair volunteer, Travis Smith, received one of the Outstanding Volunteer Award from the County of Sonoma at this year's Volunteer Recognition Reception. Travis is only 14 years old and is already an invaluable volunteer for the fair. Although 2016 was Travis' first year with the fair, he started with a bang! Travis came at a time of great need for the fair and he volunteered 92 hours over the course of 2 months within the exhibit buildings. Travis also returned to us in the middle of his first semester of high school and volunteered 12 hours of his time for the Harvest Fair. He attempted every job within the buildings making him a great asset to all staff. He showed up everyday ready to work and maintained a positive attitude all day. Even after many long, busy hours. Travis demonstrated a desire and willingness to take on and learn new responsibilities with tenacity. Although one of our youngest volunteers, Travis demonstrated maturity beyond his years while he assisted in the collection and judging for baked goods and flowers in the early hours of the morning, 6:00am! This young man took the initiative to follow the same dress code as paid employees even though it is not required of volunteers, and arrived to work with a professional attitude. Travis decided to stay on after the fair ended to assist with the take down of fair entries in the exhibits buildings. He was an invaluable source of endless energy and helpfulness. Lucky for us, Travis has already signed for the 2017 Fair and is eager to join us once again!