



## **Youth on the Ridge Community Foundation/Paradise Chocolate Fest 2026 Volunteer Application Information & Instructions**

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the Youth on the Ridge Community Foundation, Inc., also known as the Paradise Chocolate Fest. *Please read through the following information carefully before completing the attached application.*

### **Volunteer Equity Program**

There are over 200 Volunteer slots to fill for this year's events Paradise Chocolate Fest and Chocolate, Wine, Brews and Spirits; including the set-up and tear down of these events. Your volunteer hours will be calculated from the time you sign in until you complete your task and sign out. The hours you work will be available to be allocated to one or more of the qualified nonprofit youth organizations (known as Beneficiary Organizations), or to the Fest itself, as you choose. In June of each year, the total hours volunteered for each Beneficiary Organization will be multiplied by the calculated hourly rate, with awards distributed to Beneficiaries at a community Awards Celebration.

### **Completing the Volunteer Application**

**Very Important! 95% of Volunteer positions are for day of the Chocolate Fest, Saturday, May 9th.**

We welcome volunteers from 12 years of age up however, **volunteers between 12-17 years of age will need one adult per 3 youth in order to be placed as a volunteer** (This does not need to be the parent and may be another adult from the same youth beneficiary organization).

**The majority of tasks for events require an adult age 18 or over.** We ask you to please include your age as certain positions require all volunteers be over the age of 21.

- All of the information requested on the application is needed to place you as a qualified volunteer. The application form is double sided so **please complete both sides.**
- We welcome your application, however please realize that most of our events and volunteer positions involve working in an outdoor setting, walking over uneven terrain occasionally, lifting, carrying, standing and having the ability to communicate in a positive manner with many people. If you meet these standards, please feel free to complete the Volunteer Application.

### **Page #2 of the Application**

You will see we have a Chocolate Fest Pledge, a felony misdemeanor statement, a Release and Indemnification Agreement and a Photo and Publicity Release that **REQUIRE** your signature or if you are between the ages of 12 -17 a signature of a parent or guardian.

**ALL APPLICANTS AND RETURNING VOLUNTEERS MUST ATTEND AN ORIENTATION SESSION EACH YEAR.** This is both a requirement of our insurance carrier and of the Youth on the Ridge Community Foundation. You only need to attend once per year, and the session runs for approximately one hour. You will be issued your Volunteer Assignment and learn important event, logistic and safety information at the Orientation.

### **2026 Volunteer Orientation Dates:**

- **Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30 pm Paradise Vet's Hall meeting room**
- **Wednesday, April 22nd 5:30-6:30 Round Table Pizza 2201 Pillsbury, Chico 95926**

**2026 Beneficiaries:** American Legion Post 259, Boy Scouts Troop #316, Civil Air Patrol Cadets, Cub Scouts Pack #316, Friends of Outdoor Adventures, Paradise Friends of the Library, Paradise High School Link Crew, Paradise Host Lion's Club, Paradise Piranhas Swim Team, Paradise Recreation & Park District, Paradise Rotary Interact, Paradise Stronger, Rainbow Girls, Ridgeview High School

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Applications must be received before **April 1, 2026** (Applications received after the deadline may be declined)  
Mail to: Paradise Chocolate Fest, P.O. Box 8188 Chico, CA 95927

For more instructions on completing this form please contact: 530/342-4896 or info@chocolatefest.us  
As per our insurance carrier and the Paradise Chocolate Fest requirements, All Volunteers Must Attend an Orientation.  
Choose 1 of the Orientation Dates/Times shown below.

- 4/20 5:30-6:30 pm Paradise Vets Hall 6550 Skyway, Paradise
- 4/22 5:30-6:30 pm Round Table Pizza 2201 Pillsbury, Chico

**REQUIRED: Volunteer Applicant Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Group(s) you are Volunteering to Benefit: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (THIS IS OUR PRIMARY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION). PLEASE PRINT:

\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any personal health concerns that might impact your work as a volunteer? If so, please explain:

Have you been a volunteer with us before \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No If "yes" what tasks did you do?

I am **currently** certified in: \_\_\_ CPR \_\_\_ First Aid Certification \_\_\_ AET Automated External Defibrillator

**Currently** licensed as: Physician or Physician's Assistant in the State of California EMT

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**Your Availability:** Place an (X) next to the times you are willing and available to work. You may check *any and all* that you are available and interested in working. **Volunteers who check more than one time slot, are willing to work more than one shift, and check times on Saturday, May 9th are most likely to receive a volunteer assignment.**

◆ **Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> : Fest SET UP:** ( ) 8:00AM – Noon ( ) Noon to 4 PM ( ) 3:00 – 6:30PM Terry Ashe Park  
( ) I am available to volunteer whenever I am needed on Fri. May 8th ( ) I am willing to work more than one shift

◆ **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>: Paradise Chocolate Fest & Wine, Brew & Spirits Garden:**  
( ) 7:00AM-10:30AM ( ) 9:30AM – 2:00 PM ( ) 1:30PM -6:00PM ( ) 4:00 – 7:00PM Terry Ashe Park  
( ) I am available to volunteer whenever I am needed on Sat. May 9th ( ) I am willing to work more than one shift

◆ **Sunday, May 17: Chocolate Thunder Poker Run & Road Rally and BBQ & Awards:**  
( ) 7:30AM-11:00 AM ( ) 10:30-3:00

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**AS A CHOCOLATE FEST VOLUNTEER I UNDERSTAND AND PLEDGE THAT I WILL:**

1. Represent the Paradise Chocolate Fest with professionalism, dignity, courtesy & appropriate behavior.
2. Follow through and complete accepted tasks as assigned while working cooperatively as a team member with Paradise Chocolate Fest staff and volunteers.
3. Dress and act in an appropriate manner at all times, and be a positive role model.
4. Provide a safe environment by not harming youth or adults in any way, whether through discrimination, sexual harassment, physical force, verbal or mental abuse, neglect, or other harmful actions.
5. Keep Chocolate Fest staff and management volunteers informed of any concerns and problems at the event(s) in which I participate.
6. Keep personal opinions and actions separate from those made as a representative of this organization.
7. Respectfully follow guidance from State and County health departments surrounding large gatherings and safety protocols.

**AS A PARADISE CHOCOLATE FEST VOLUNTEER I WILL NOT:**

1. Use vulgar or inappropriate language.
2. Solicit gratuities, gifts, or bequests for personal or professional benefit.
3. Consume or be under the influence of illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco, or carry weapons of any kind onto the site.

**REQUIRED:**

■ Have you ever been convicted of, or plead nolo contendere (no contest) to, or received a deferred sentence or deferred prosecution for a felony or a misdemeanor crime involving unlawful sexual behavior, or an unlawful behavior involving children?  YES  NO

■ Have you ever been convicted of any other misdemeanor, other than a misdemeanor traffic offense or traffic citation?  YES  NO

(Conviction will not automatically disqualify you from volunteering). If you answered 'YES' to either question, please provide the details:

**Volunteers' Release and Indemnification Agreement:** For good and valuable consideration, including Volunteer being permitted to participate in the Paradise Chocolate Fest (event) activities, Volunteer, for myself, my successors, heirs, assigns, executors, administrators, legal representatives, employees, agents and affiliates and its officers and directors collectively referred to as (Volunteer) forever release Youth on the Ridge Community Foundation / Paradise Chocolate Fest., Paradise Recreation & Park District, Town of Paradise, Butte County Veteran's Memorial Hall each of its officers, attorneys, employees, agents and affiliates from all claims, demands, losses, costs, expenses, suits, damages, obligations, liabilities causes of action and judgments whatsoever, in law or equity, which against any matter, cause or thing whatsoever arising out of Volunteer involvement in the Paradise Chocolate Fest. Volunteer agrees to and hereby assumes any and all risks of personal injuries to Volunteer; including death and damages to volunteer's property, caused by or arising out of Volunteer's involvement in the Paradise Chocolate Fest. Volunteer hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold Youth on the Ridge Community Foundation / Paradise Chocolate Fest., Paradise Recreation & Park District, Town of Paradise harmless from and against any claim, demand, suit, and loss causes of action, damages, liabilities, obligations, costs, expenses, and judgments (including without limitation, death and damages to property) caused by Volunteer's acts or omissions and arising out of Volunteer's involvements with the Paradise Chocolate Fest.

**Photo and Publicity Release:** I hereby grant permission for any photographs or publicity involving the Youth on the Ridge Community Foundation &/or Paradise Chocolate Fest or any participants connected with the festival volunteers during the Paradise Chocolate Fest events to be used in conjunction with publicity for the Paradise Chocolate Fest.

**REQUIRED: Volunteers under the age of 18** requires a parent or guardian signature here:

**Print** the name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED:** The undersigned volunteer has read and understands the Chocolate Fest Pledge, the previous felony misdemeanor statement & the Release and Indemnification and has signed this document voluntarily.

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Name (please print):* \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED:** Assignment of Beneficiary hours: Distributable funds will be allocated to qualified youth organizations based on the number of hours contributed by their volunteers. You may choose to allocate your hours to one or more beneficiary or you can choose to write "Chocolate Fest" and your funds will go towards grant funding and operations. A list of youth organizations is available on the opposite side of this page.

**I choose to dedicate my Volunteer Hours to Benefit:** \_\_\_\_\_