

Attention Youth Organizations

Thank you for your interest in becoming an approved youth organization of the Wisconsin State Fair. Your organization and its advisors should be commended for providing youth opportunities to learn and develop important skills necessary not only for successful projects, but more importantly for successful careers. We appreciate your willingness to share important information about your organization.

Listed below are the requirements for each organization and its members in order to be an approved youth organization to participate in future Wisconsin State Fair Junior Livestock Shows.

Organization/Member requirements:

- 1) Organization must be an official organization operated at a state level and available to any junior member in the state who meets its membership qualifications.
- 2) Organizations must apply for Wisconsin State Fair eligibility for the next year's Fair by completing the annual youth organization application and submitting the following by January 1st of the upcoming year's Fair:
 - Prior year's calendar of activities
 - Upcoming year's activities
 - Adult contact information.
 - By-laws and mission statements of each organization must be on file with the Wisconsin State Fair and only need to be submitted when they are updated or changed.
- 3) Age requirements for each organization may vary but must be open to members between the ages of 12 to 19 years old as of January 1 of the current year to meet Wisconsin State Fair eligibility requirements. Membership in these organizations outside of the Wisconsin State Fair age requirements is allowable but these members will not be eligible to exhibit in the Wisconsin State Fair Junior division.
- 4) Organizations who have met eligibility requirements and have been approved by Wisconsin State Fair must submit their membership roster to Wisconsin State Fair by March 1 of the current Fair year.
- 5) Organizations must provide adult supervision at the state level who will sign off on each member's Wisconsin State Fair entry information verifying each member has met organizational and Wisconsin State Fair criteria for member(s) in good standings. These Fair entry blanks and any other required authorization forms must be signed by the state organization contact and submitted to the Wisconsin State Fair authorized agent within the county which you are exhibiting before they will be submitted for acceptance to Wisconsin State Fair. All members must meet additional county requirements and dates for submittal of entry information to Wisconsin State Fair. **The authorized Wisconsin State Fair agent will not sign off on members of organizations outside of their authority.**
- 6) Approved organizations must provide/offer a minimum of 4 educational experiences per Fair year. It is suggested one should be offered each quarter. In order for a member

to be in good standings with the Wisconsin State Fair they must attend at least 3 educational experiences. The following are classified as educational experiences:

- Fitting Clinics
- Judging Workshops / Contests
- Attend Breed / Livestock Sales
- Speaking Contests
- Project Meetings
- Skillathon Workshops
- Quiz Bowls
- Recreation/Social activities (roller-skating, bowling, etc.) may only be counted as an educational activity once.
- Organizational meetings (monthly meetings, committee meetings, conventions, conferences) may only be counted as an educational activity once.
- Exhibiting at Livestock shows may only be counted as an educational activity once.

It is up to each individual organization's discretion how they will monitor/document the compliance of these educational requirements. Wisconsin State Fair reserves the right to audit a member or organization's compliance with these requirements at any time. Evidence of non-compliance may disqualify a member and an organization from current or future Wisconsin State Fair participation.

The following organizations have already been approved for 2009 eligibility if the organization's adult supervisors agree to sign off on the member's Wisconsin State Fair official entry information:

Wisconsin FFA Chapters in good standings with State Organization
Adult Contact: School FFA Advisor

Wisconsin 4-H clubs in good standings with State Organization
Adult Contact: Local County 4-H Agent

If you would like any additional information please contact Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Department by phone at 414-266-7050 or by email at brian.bolan@wisconsin.gov.

See you at the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair August 6th to August 16th!

Wisconsin State Fair Youth Organization Form

Name of Organization: _____

Adult Advisor / Contact person: _____

Address: _____

Phone or Email: _____

Approximate number of Members: _____

Eligibility Requirements for Membership:

2009 Program of Activities: (Activities/Educational Programs)

Number of Activities/Meetings Annually: _____

Mission Statement or copy of Goals / Objectives of Organization: (a copy of these must be on file with the Wisconsin State Fair and only need to be submitted when updated)

Please provide any other supporting material which documents your organization's educational programs.

Mail to: Wisconsin State Fair
Agriculture Department
640 S. 84th St
West Allis, WI 53214

Due no later than January 1st, 2009