

VOLUNTEER ADULT CONTACT (VAC) PROGRAM *for Junior Exhibitors*

All Junior exhibitors, *including those over age 18*, must declare their stalling choice when completing their entries.

Junior show exhibitors choose from two stalling options:

GROUP Participation - *The junior exhibitor will stall with a VAGC group.*

- A list of approved Volunteer Adult Group Contact (VAGC) groups by species will be posted on wistatefair.com in early April.
- It is the youth exhibitor's responsibility to contact the VAGC(s) directly before entry to discuss requirements for participation in the VAGC group.
- VAGC groups are chosen by species; if a junior is showing multiple species, they will need to choose one for each species to secure their space in the barns.
- VAGCs may accept or reject youth who choose their group. Youth who are not accepted by an approved VAGC or who do not select a group at time of entry will be considered independent. They must designate a Volunteer Adult Independent Contact (VAIC) who will apply for approval and supervise them.

INDEPENDENT Participation - *The junior exhibitor will be randomly assigned stalling/pen space and will not be identified/affiliated/stalled as part of a group.*

- The youth exhibitor may choose to participate as an individual or sibling group. They must designate a Volunteer Adult Independent Contact (VAIC).
- The VAIC must agree to supervise said exhibitor/siblings and be approved by Wisconsin State Fair following an application and criminal background check. VAICs must be age 21 and over as of July 31, 2025.
- The VAIC should be present at Wisconsin State Fair at all times during the respective junior show.
- Requests will not be accepted to stall non-sibling independent Junior exhibitors together.

Youth Center room reservations for Junior show sessions will first offered to VAGCs for their group use. Independent Junior exhibitors may stay in VAGC rooms at the option of the VAGC; they must make these arrangements with the VAGC in advance of the Fair. VAICs are eligible to rent a room if space permits; they will be notified if rooms are available.