



2021 Wisconsin State Fair  
YOUTH EXPO HALL



**Performance Participation**

**Nomination Closing Date**

**EXTENDED DEADLINE:** Paper Nominations – Completed and Postmarked by June 30, 2021

*Any nomination not postmarked by June 30, 2021, is considered late; late fees apply.*

**Nomination Fees**

All Categories \$ 5.00 per youth per category

**Performance Schedule** *Fair management reserves the right to post and/or announce changes to the schedule*

Thursday, August 5	Dance Solo
Friday, August 6	Dance Duet
Saturday, August 7	Music – Vocal Solo
Sunday, August 8	Music – Vocal Duet
Monday, August 9	Music – Instrumental Solo (no voice)
Tuesday, August 10	Music – Instrumental Duet (no voice)
Wednesday, August 11	Poetry
Thursday, August 12	Variety - juggling, magic, standup comedy, clowning, demonstration, Infomercial, storytelling
Friday, August 13	Acting Solo
Saturday, August 14	Acting Duet

**Eligibility**

Junior Division competitions, contests, exhibits, demonstrations and special activity opportunities are provided by Wisconsin State Fair for Wisconsin residents who have a desire to demonstrate outstanding youth achievement.

Youth are encouraged to actively participate in youth educational programs/organizations which enhance project awareness but there are *no youth organization membership requirements* to exhibit in the Youth Expo Department of Wisconsin State Fair.

Wisconsin State Fair Park does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), physical ability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.

**Age Requirement:** Participation in the Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo Department is open to **Wisconsin resident 12-19 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current year.

**Wisconsin Residence Requirement:** Eligible youth must be residents of Wisconsin or have been approved as eligible by Wisconsin State Fair as of January 31 for 2021.

Inquiries for non-resident approval must be made to the Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Department Director or a designee prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> for the current year’s Fair (email [entryoffice@wistatefair.com](mailto:entryoffice@wistatefair.com)). Consideration for approval of non-resident participation will only be reviewed for non-Wisconsin residents who are affiliated with Wisconsin-based youth organizations, Wisconsin County Fairs and who do not exhibit in County/State Fairs in another state.

## 2021 Performance Nomination and Selection Dates

**June 30, 2021** – Postmarked nominations with fees and performance flash drive/URLs for pre-selection

**Early July, 2021** – Youth selected to perform at Wisconsin State Fair will be notified

**July 20, 2021** – Postmark for final registration from selected youth must be returned to Wisconsin State Fair

## Nominations

1. Only 1 nomination per category per youth will be considered.
2. In 2021 only **individual performers or 2 person duets** will be allowed to apply (no groups). Accompanists can be of any age and are not considered part of the performer number. No more than one accompanist is permitted. Wisconsin State Fair does not provide accompanists.
3. Professional performers are NOT permitted to compete. This includes Union musicians and anyone whose principal source of income is from their talent. Compensation for performing at weddings, etc. does not constitute principal source of income.
4. Performers must be available to perform their act/song/dance/routine a minimum of twice on the scheduled day. The top ten performers from each day will be invited to perform again later on the same day at the Daily Final.
5. Nomination forms are available on [www.wistatefair.com/competitions/youth-expo/](http://www.wistatefair.com/competitions/youth-expo/). Each potential performer must fill out his/her own information, including either a URL link to their nomination video OR a flash drive with nomination performance for each category.
6. Nomination forms must be mailed with a check payable to Wisconsin State Fair, postmarked by June 3, 2021 to: Wisconsin State Fair Entry Office, 640 S. 84<sup>th</sup> Street, West Allis, WI 53214.
7. Any nomination (complete with fee and URL/flash drive(s)) not postmarked by June 30, 2021 will be considered late and a late fee will apply.

## Selection

1. Selection for Fair performance and judging will be based on the URL/flash drive video audition. Pre-selection judging will consider the youth's polish, diction and entertainment quality. Video auditions need not be professionally filmed/produced but the video should not be blurry or poorly lit. Performer(s) must be visible and clearly heard.
2. Audition video should contain 3 – 4 minutes of material as it would be performed if selected.
3. Notification: The performer will be notified by email of their acceptance in mid-June. Final performance registration materials will be included with the notification which must be returned to Wisconsin State Fair by June 30.

## Performance and Judging

1. **New for 2021!** Performers will be judged and placed while performing at Wisconsin State Fair.
2. **New for 2021!** Judging and performance of each category will take place on the same day. *Example:* All vocal solos will be performed on the same day; all solo comedy routines will be performed on the same day.
3. Performers must perform the same act/song/dance/routine at the Fair as submitted on their video audition. The same act/song/dance/routine may not be performed by the same performer at Wisconsin State Fair after it has been performed at a previous Wisconsin State Fair.
4. The content of the performance should be family-friendly.
5. No live animals will be permitted for any routine and no food/cooking demonstrations permitted.
6. Each solo or duet will be performed at each qualifying performance and will be scored each time. The higher of the two scores will be the score used to determine which performers will be invited to perform for the Daily Finals at 5:00 pm.
7. In the event that two performers have the same high score, the average of each performer's two scores will be used to determine which performer advances to the Daily Finals.
8. Judges have been carefully selected. All performers making entry for the Fair accept these judges and agree to abide by their decisions. It is prohibited for performers to contact or attempt to contact a judge pertaining to judging of classes after the judge has accepted the assignment of judging at Wisconsin State Fair. No performer should socialize, fraternize, or visit with a judge during the show(s). If any performer, performer's family member, employee, coach or leader interfere with the judge in any manner, the performer shall forfeit all prize money awarded and may be excluded from further competition. The decision of the judge will be final in all cases. Wisconsin State Fair reserves the right to change judges at any time.

**Participation Prize Money:** All performers who are present for both qualifying performances and, if chosen, the Daily Final, will receive a participation prize money stipend of \$30 per performer. To receive prize money, performers must

submit a W-9 form to Wisconsin State Fair with final registration. The person/information listed on W-9 MUST match the person/information on the registration materials and will be used for tax reporting purposes. Wisconsin State Fair is required to file an information return with the IRS and must have the performer's correct tax ID number to report payments paid to the performer. All checks are void one (1) year after they are issued. Checks not cashed result in forfeiture of prize money won.

## Performance Categories

**Music:** Vocal Solo or Duet – any genre

Instrumental Solo or Duet – any genre

**Dance:** Solo or Duet – ballet, tap, contemporary, jazz, hip hop, break dancing, clogging, Irish dancing

**Spoken/Dramatic Arts:** Solo or Duet – Poetry, Acting

**Variety:** Juggling, magic, standup comedy, clowning, demonstrations, infomercial, storytelling

### Division: Musical Performance

Class		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> and up
1	Vocal Solo	<i>Ribbons will be presented for all placings at both qualifying shows</i>										
3	Vocal Duet	<i>Ribbons will be presented for all placings at both qualifying shows</i>										
5	Instrumental Solo	<i>Ribbons will be presented for all placings at both qualifying shows</i>										
7	Instrumental Duet	<i>Ribbons will be presented for all placings at both qualifying shows</i>										

### Division: Dance Performance

Class		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> and up
11	Dance Solo	<i>Ribbons will be presented for all placings at both qualifying shows</i>										
13	Dance Duet	<i>Ribbons will be presented for all placings at both qualifying shows</i>										

### Division: Spoken Arts Performance

Class		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> and up
21	Poetry Solo or Duet	<i>Ribbons will be presented for all placings at both qualifying shows</i>										
23	Acting Solo	<i>Ribbons will be presented for all placings at both qualifying shows</i>										
25	Acting Duet	<i>Ribbons will be presented for all placings at both qualifying shows</i>										

### Division: Variety Performance

Class		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> and up
31	Variety Solo	<i>Ribbons will be presented for all placings at both qualifying shows</i>										
33	Variety Duet	<i>Ribbons will be presented for all placings at both qualifying shows</i>										

### Daily Final – Top Ten

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Through 10 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Rosette</i>	<i>Rosette</i>	<i>Rosette</i>

## General Information

1. Each performance selected will perform on the Youth Expo Hall stage **twice** during the day. The Top Ten performers selected will perform a third time at the Daily Final on the Youth Expo Hall stage at 5:00 pm.
2. Performances will be assigned a 5 minute time slot including setup and takedown.
3. Stage dimensions: 36' wide by 28' deep, raised 16" above floor level. A ramp and one set of stairs are located at the back of the stage.
4. Small individual changing booths are available backstage.
5. Props and belongings can be stored backstage between performances; however, there is no locked storage area. Backstage space is limited, so please keep props to a minimum as all participants share the area.
6. The Youth Expo Stage has two handheld wireless mics and two handheld corded mics. These microphones will be set up and controlled by the stage manager. The sound system is equipped to play CDs and iPods which will be amplified through speakers. If you are using an iPod, make sure it is fully charged and bring a back-up CD if possible. Performers are not allowed to bring or use their own sound equipment. This includes, but is not limited to: wireless and choral microphones, speakers, lighting, etc. Additionally, only Youth Expo staff is allowed behind the sound table to control any sound component.  
**STAGE MANAGER SUGGESTION:** We do our best to project the performers' voices but there will always be unavoidable noise at Wisconsin State Fair regardless of what sound equipment is used. We have a mobile audience and the area is noisy, so the use of microphones is necessary for performances to be heard. We encourage performers to practice with the State Fair stage set-up in mind. To relieve anxiety, please practice projecting voices and planning how each person can best utilize the available stage microphones.
7. A keyboard, music stand, extension cord, table and chairs can be available **IF** requested on the final registration materials (due June 30).

## Admissions and Parking

All participants, contacts, chaperones and family members who plan to attend the 2021 Wisconsin State Fair will need to purchase admission tickets to Wisconsin State Fair.

### FAIRGROUNDS ADMISSION

**Exhibitor Admission:** Limit of 50 admission tickets per exhibitor

Exhibitor Tickets Purchased from until July 15	\$5
Exhibitor Tickets Purchased after July 15 at Case IH Coliseum Entry Office	\$8

**General Admission tickets purchased during the Fair at the Gate:**

Adults (12 & over)	\$ 14
Seniors (60 & over)	\$ 9
Military/Veterans with ID	\$ 9
Youth, ages 6 – 11 years	\$ 9
Children 5 and under	Free

1. Exhibitor admission tickets are not downloadable; they will be mailed to the exhibitor.
2. All exhibitors and family members must have valid admission to enter the Fair Park August 5–15, 2021.
3. Each admission ticket can only be scanned once. If an exhibitor would like to exit and re-enter the Fair Park during the day, he or she **MUST** get his or her hand stamped at the admission gates.
4. Admission tickets which are wet, sun-damaged, lost or stolen will not be replaced. No refunds are given for any unused admission tickets.
5. Admission fees do not include vehicle parking.

### EXHIBITOR PARKING

1. No refunds for any unused vehicle parking.
2. **Vehicle Parking:**
  - A. **Blue Ribbon Off-site Parking: Free**
    - i. Off-site Agriculture Exhibitor vehicle parking lot with easy access from I-94.
    - ii. This lot has 24-hour security, in and out privileges and overnight parking.
    - iii. A free shuttle will be run continuously from noon, Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> through the duration of the Fair. The shuttle will pick up and drop off near Gate 5.

- iv. Trailers are not allowed to park in this lot (see trailer parking below).
- B. **General Fair Park Parking:** \$12 per day/vehicle.
  - i. Valid for one vehicle admission per day (no in and out privileges).
  - ii. Purchase upon arrival at any vehicle access gate (except Gate 5). Parking is not guaranteed.
  - iii. General Fair Parking cannot be upgraded to White Ribbon parking once purchased.
  - iv. No overnight parking is allowed
- C. **White Ribbon General Fair Park Parking:** \$18 per day/vehicle
  - i. General Fair Park parking with multiple in and out privileges per day.
  - ii. Purchase prior to or during the Fair only through the Case IH Coliseum Entry Office.
  - iii. Each dated parking pass will be valid only on the date printed on it. The date must be declared at the time of purchase.
  - iv. An unused White Ribbon parking pass may be exchanged in the Entry Office for another White Ribbon Parking Pass if requested **before** the printed date on the ticket.
  - v. Parking is not guaranteed. No overnight parking is allowed.
- D. **Examples:**
  - i. Exhibitor Sally Smith purchased three (3) White Ribbon parking passes one each for August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. On August 6<sup>th</sup>, she realizes she no longer needs the parking pass for August 8<sup>th</sup>. She cannot receive a refund for the August 8<sup>th</sup> parking pass but can exchange it in the Case IH Coliseum Entry Office for a white ribbon parking pass for any of the remaining Fair days.
  - ii. Exhibitor Bill Smith purchased three (3) White Ribbon parking passes - one each for August 6<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup>. On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Bill realizes he did not use his August 6<sup>th</sup> pass and instead wants a parking pass for August 9<sup>th</sup>. Bill CANNOT exchange his unused August 6<sup>th</sup> pass or receive a refund since the parking pass expired. If Bill wants a White Ribbon parking pass for August 9<sup>th</sup>, he must purchase one for \$18 at the Case IH Coliseum Entry Office.

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