



## 2021 Wisconsin State Fair YOUTH EXPO



### ***Project Exhibit Entry Information***

The 2021 Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo programs are accepting nominations from Wisconsin youth 12-19 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current Fair year.

**New for 2021!** Wisconsin youth may nominate projects to be considered for Wisconsin State Fair judging and exhibition. Projects no longer need to be exhibited or selected at a Wisconsin County Fair. All nominated projects will be pre-screened, with selected projects advancing to Wisconsin State Fair for official judging and Fair exhibition\*.

**\*2021 EXCEPTIONS:** Wisconsin County Fairs which selected State Fair projects at their 2019 or 2020 Fairs but have not submitted them for Wisconsin State Fair exhibition previously will be granted a waiver to submit all projects selected for exhibition at the 2021 Wisconsin State Fair regardless of the new project guidelines. Additionally, any Wisconsin County Fair which has already shared 2021 fair project information and determines a change in the 2021 State Fair selection process will unnecessarily alter/will negatively challenge/will create confusion(to) their programs will also be granted a waiver to submit projects (following 2019 guidelines) for the 2021 Wisconsin State Fair display.

Fairs which fit either of the aforementioned exceptions must contact Wisconsin State Fair requesting a waiver by email to [entryoffice@wistatefair.com](mailto:entryoffice@wistatefair.com). Following the waiver request, Wisconsin State Fair will contact each county requesting a waiver with details of project submission and timelines for display during the Fair.

Projects granted a waiver will be exhibited based on 2019 Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo project guidelines.

#### **Eligibility**

Junior Division competitions, contests, exhibits, demonstrations and special activity opportunities are provided by Wisconsin State Fair for Wisconsin resident/participants 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 Youth Expo or the Junior animal Departments of Wisconsin State Fair. Rules for acceptance: 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 any 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 Project Nominations**

- 1) **Nomination Deadline EXTENDED to June 30, 2021 – 5 pm Central Time.** Nominations must be completed online, all fees paid and photos uploaded by the exhibitor by 5 pm Central Time on June 30, 2021 to be considered for judging/exhibition at the current year's Fair. Late entries will not be accepted.
- 2) **Nomination Fee:** \$3.00 per project nominated. Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express are accepted. There are no refunds of nomination fees.
- 3) **Nominations are submitted online** on [www.wistatefair.com/competitions](http://www.wistatefair.com/competitions).
- 4) **Required Nomination Materials:** Potential exhibitor must fill out his/her information, upload up to three digital photos (maximum photo size limit: 5 meg per photo) of each project being nominated and pay nomination fee of

\$3 per project with a credit card. Nominated projects will be pre-screened on the basis of these materials. See suggestions at the end of the Entry Information regarding taking effective photos of projects.

- 5) **Project Information:** The exhibitor nominating the project must make the project. Any projects not made by the exhibitor will be disqualified. Projects entered, judged and/or displayed at Wisconsin State Fair in prior years are not eligible for judging/exhibition in 2021. There are no project size requirements; however, projects need to be suitable for exhibition space.
- 6) **2021 Project Exhibit Divisions:**
  - Arts & Communications (Arts & Crafts, Jewelry, Leather and Metals)**
  - Family, Home & Health (Clothing, Crocheting, Home Décor, Knitting)**
  - Mechanical Sciences (Electricity, Woodworking)**
  - Upcycling: Repurposing used materials (Fiber, Plastics and Metals)**
  - Any Other Project**
- 7) Only 2 nominations per division per youth will be accepted. No photography nominations will be accepted.
- 8) Projects should be nominated in the division where they best fit. Wisconsin State Fair management may move a project nomination to another division if deemed more suitable for judging.
- 9) Nominations without complete information or fees will not be considered. See the "Junior General Rules and Regulations" section on [www.wistatefair.com](http://www.wistatefair.com) for additional rules. Wisconsin State Fair reserves the right to reject, accept, or conditionally accept any nomination/entry from any exhibitor.
- 10) Nominated projects will be pre-screened after the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Exhibitors whose projects are selected for judging/exhibition will be notified via email after pre-screening.

### **Project Delivery**

- 1) **Projects Selected for Judging:** Each exhibitor is responsible to ensure the safe transport of his/her project to Wisconsin State Fair for judging. To ensure project safety please use adequate shipping material.
- 2) **Each project must arrive with exhibitor's name and project division name on the back of the project** (information should not be visible for judging/display). No names/other identification should be on the front side of the project.
- 3) Projects may be shipped via USPS, UPS, Fed-Ex or hand delivered. The projects must arrive by 4 pm on the Tuesday before the judging dates listed below. If exhibitors have multiple projects in multiple divisions, the exhibitors may send them all at the same time provided the projects are received prior to the respective judging dates.

**Ship projects to:**  
Wisconsin State Fair Park  
Youth Expo Project Exhibits  
640 S. 84th St.  
West Allis, WI 53214

**Drop Off:** Tommy G Thompson Youth Center. Enter the Fair Park through Gate 5 (84<sup>th</sup>/Schlinger Avenue) and proceed to the Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center located immediately inside Gate 5 (use shipping address for a GPS direction coordinate). Projects delivered in person will be accepted between 10 am and 4 pm on the Monday and Tuesday of the week of scheduled judging.

### **Judging**

- 1) Projects must arrive at Wisconsin State Fair Park by 4 pm on the Tuesday before the judging dates listed below. Projects received after the "Due to Wisconsin State Fair Park" deadline may not be judged but may still be displayed during the Fair.
- 2) Judging will not be face-to-face with exhibitors in 2021.
- 3) Qualified judges will select award winners from each project division. Special merits may be acknowledged but all projects will be judged and ranked individually.
- 4) All projects judged will be eligible for exhibition during the Fair but Wisconsin State Fair reserves the right to not display a project if deemed inappropriate, challenging to display or not of exhibition quality.
- 5) The Judges' decisions are final in all cases except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion not discovered at the time of the award is proven.
- 6) Once judged all projects will remain secured at Wisconsin State Fair until moved to its Fair display location. Exhibitors who need access to their project between judging and display during the Fair may do so if arrangements are granted with Wisconsin State Fair before judging takes place.

**UPDATED Projects Due at Wisconsin State Fair Park:**

All Divisions – Tuesday, July 13 by 4 pm

**UPDATED Project Judging dates:**

Thursday, July 15

**Division: Arts & Communications**

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	Arts and Crafts	\$15	\$14	\$13	\$12	\$11	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5
2	Jewelry	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
3	Leather	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
4	Metals	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
5	Any Other Arts & Communications	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
Arts and Communications Division Champion (classes 1-5)		Rosette										
Arts and Communications Division Reserve Champion (classes 1-5)		Rosette										

**Division: Family, Home & Health**

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	Clothing	\$15	\$14	\$13	\$12	\$11	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5
2	Crocheting	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
3	Knitting	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
4	Any Other Family, Home & Health	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
Family, Home & Health Division Champion (classes 1-4)		Rosette										
Family, Home & Health Division Reserve Champion (classes 1-4)		Rosette										

**Division: Mechanical Sciences**

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	Electricity	\$15	\$14	\$13	\$12	\$11	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5
2	Woodworking	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
3	Any Other Mechanical Sciences	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
Mechanical Sciences Division Champion (classes 1-3)		Rosette										
Mechanical Sciences Division Reserve Champion (classes 1-3)		Rosette										

## Division: Upcycling: repurposing used materials

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	Fiber	\$15	\$14	\$13	\$12	\$11	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5
2	Plastics	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
3	Metals	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
4	Any Other Upcycling	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
Upcycling Division Champion (classes 1-4)		Rosette										
Upcycling Division Reserve Champion (classes 1-4)		Rosette										

## Division: Any Other Project

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	Any Other Project	\$15	\$14	\$13	\$12	\$11	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5
Any Other Project Division Champion (class 1)		Rosette										
Any Other Project Division Reserve Champion (class 1)		Rosette										

## Wisconsin State Fair Project Display

- Projects will be displayed in the Youth Expo Hall during the 2021 Wisconsin State Fair. Wisconsin State Fair management maintains the discretion to determine if a project can or cannot be displayed.
- All projects receive the best care and protection the surroundings will afford, but they are always subject to the owner's risk. Wisconsin State Fair does its best to ensure all projects are safely handled while at the Fair but is not liable for any damages or losses which may occur to projects while on display or in possession of Wisconsin State Fair. Most projects will not be displayed behind glass or in a display case.
  - 2-D projects must be ready to hang or in a frame or mat which can be easily displayed.
  - Fragile projects should have a soft bottom material attached in case they are displayed on a hard surface.
- All projects put on display for the Fair must remain on display for the entire duration of the Fair.

## Project Release

- Once a project is received, judged and displayed at the Fair it will not be released until project check out on Monday, August 16 from 10 am to 5 pm. Projects not picked up or have other arrangements made by end of day on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 will become the property of Wisconsin State Fair.
- All projects which are to be returned via USPS, UPS or Fed Ex must have a pre-paid USPS, UPS or Fed Ex return postage label and shipping information submitted along with the project at check in.** Please do not send a check, money order or cash for return postage. Projects will be shipped out by August 31st.

Questions? Please email [entryoffice@wistatefair.com](mailto:entryoffice@wistatefair.com).

## **Admissions and Parking**

All participants 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 at Wisconsin State Fair Park \$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 are given 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

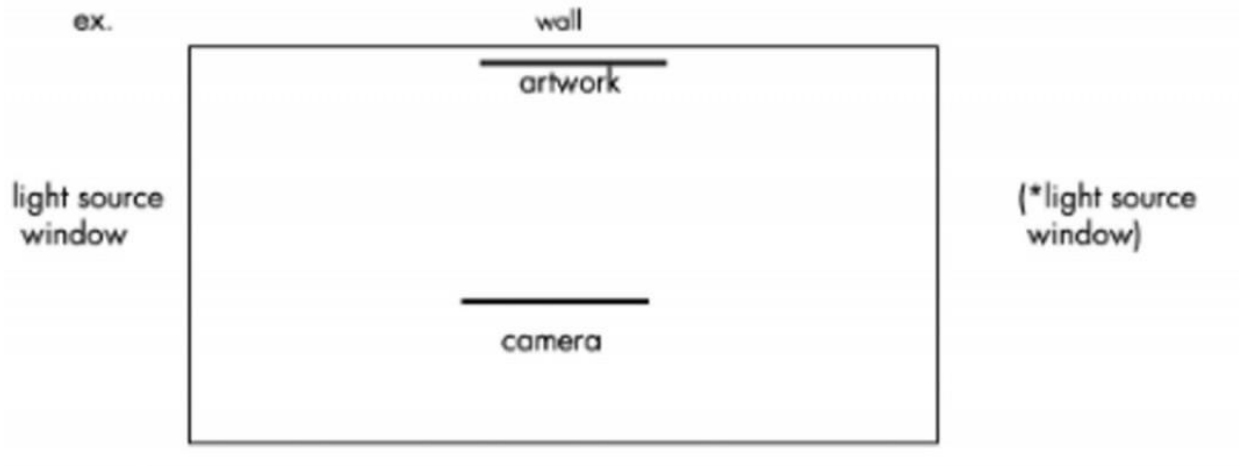
receive a refund since the parking pass expired. If Bill wants a White Ribbon parking pass for August 9<sup>th</sup>, he must purchase one for \$18 at the Case IH Coliseum Entry Office.

Looking to enter a photograph or a food item? Please check out the Amateur Photography and Culinary Divisions in the Competitive Exhibits section on [wistatefair.com](http://wistatefair.com)

## Tips for Photographing 2D and 3D Artwork

### 2D Artwork

- Setup in a space where there is even window lighting (high noon, sunny day). One window/source of light on either side of wall/artwork setup will suffice.
- Hang/Clip artwork flat on a neutral wall (unframed/no glass to prevent reflection)
- Photograph artwork at eye-level (parallel to where your camera will be) and hold camera/smartphone vertically, as straight and steady as possible to prevent distortion and blurriness (tripod is optional).



### 3D Artwork

Items Needed: Flat surface (table, desk, etc.), two pieces of white poster board and heavyweight paper and tape

- Situate table against the wall adjacent to window (natural light/light source, high noon on a sunny day)
- Place poster board on the table top surface and against the wall to create a seamless curve (with the tape down).



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### **Tips for Editing Artwork**

(Photoshop, Snapseed app for smartphone, etc. On iphone click “photo”, “edit”, “light and color” : drop down tabs)

- Color balance and edit accordingly to match original artwork
- Crop and level artwork