



2021 Wisconsin State Fair
YOUTH EXPO



2021 Wisconsin County Fairs Project Exhibit

What if a County Fair selected projects for Wisconsin State Fair Project display at their 2019 or 2020 Fair but have not submitted them for display at the State Fair yet?

For 2021, County Fairs may choose either:

1 – County Submission: Submit selected youth projects as a county. For 2021, Wisconsin State Fair will accept all youth projects which were selected during the 2019 and 2020 County Fair selection processes, even if the youth does not meet our current eligibility age guidelines. These projects will be displayed at the 2021 Wisconsin State Fair but will not be judged at Wisconsin State Fair and will not receive any prize money. The Counties wishing to use this submission option must contact Wisconsin State Fair for a waiver.

2 – Self-Nomination: Encourage those youth who had a project selected at their 2019 or 2020 County Fair to submit a Wisconsin State Fair nomination with a nominal entry fee on their own by the June 30, 2021 deadline. The youth should complete the online nomination form and indicate they have been selected by the respective Fair. (See the Project Exhibit Entry Information for rules and 2021 deadlines.) These projects will be pre-screened and those accepted will be judged prior to the Fair and displayed during the 2021 Wisconsin State Fair and receive prize money. This option does not require the County Fair to request a waiver.

What if our County Fair has already sent out 2021 information and wants to send in projects for 2021 State Fair immediately after our 2021 County Fair?

Any Wisconsin County Fair which has already shared 2021 fair project information and determines a change in their 2021 State Fair selection process will unnecessarily alter/will negatively challenge/will create confusion(to) their programs will have the same two options as above. Counties desiring to make direct submission of project exhibits for the 2021 Wisconsin State Fair project display will be granted a waiver upon request.

Can our County continue to select projects for State Fair project exhibition?

Wisconsin State Fair encourages each County to continue to recognize outstanding youth projects, but beginning in 2022 Wisconsin State Fair wants all youth projects to be self-nominated in April so they can be pre-screened and judged in June prior to the Fair. We think there can be some creative ways County Fairs can still select State Fair projects and yet comply with Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo program goals. One simple way for this to happen is to encourage youth with outstanding County Fair projects to self-nominate those projects for the next calendar year's Wisconsin State Fair.

County Fairs fitting either of these situations which want to submit projects as a County (for display with no judging) should contact Wisconsin State Fair for a waiver by email at entryoffice@wistatefair.com.

Following the waiver Wisconsin State Fair will contact each county requesting a waiver with details on project submission timelines for display during the Fair. Projects granted a waiver will be exhibited (but not judged) based on 2019 Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo project guidelines.

Project Delivery

- 1) **Projects Submitted for Display Only:** Each County is responsible to ensure the safe transport of their projects to Wisconsin State Fair by Monday, August 2nd for display. **Each project must arrive with the exhibitor's name and County on the back of the project** (but should not be visible for display).
- 2) Projects may be shipped via USPS, UPS, Fed-Ex or hand delivered. The projects must arrive by 4 pm on Monday, August 2nd. To ensure project safety, adequate shipping material must be furnished.

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 (84th Street/Schlinger Avenue) and proceed to the Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center located immediately inside Gate 5 (use shipping address for a GPS direction coordinate).

Project Display During the Fair

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.
- 3) All projects put on display for the Fair must remain on display for the entire duration of the Fair.

Project Pick Up After the Fair

Projects must be picked up at Wisconsin State Fair Park from Monday, August 16 to Tuesday, August 31st. Projects may be returned via mail if proper pre-paid arrangements are made by August 31st. Anything not picked up or arrangements made by August 31st 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.

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

Questions? Please email entryoffice@wistatefair.com.