

# WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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## 2021 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Show Eligibility

### **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**

**Animal Shows:** Participation in Wisconsin State Fair Junior livestock and small animal shows (beef, dairy cattle, boer and dairy goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine) is open to any Wisconsin resident 12-19 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

**Youth Expo:** 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.

### **Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification Requirement**

All junior exhibitors exhibiting animals in any Junior Departments must be YQCA certified at the time of entry. The certification must remain active through the dates of the Fair. The YQCA certification program is a national education program built around foundational pillars of animal agriculture (animal welfare, food safety and character education). The program is offered online or in person at regional locations throughout Wisconsin. For more information go to [YQCA.org](http://YQCA.org).

**2021 Wisconsin State Fair EXCEPTION:** The active YQCA requirement will be waived for youth who, prior to November 15, 2020, provided Wisconsin State Fair with a copy of a YQCA certificate valid for the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair. These youth will be excused from the "current year active" requirement for the 2021 Wisconsin State Fair only. Questions regarding this 2021 exemption may be directed to Wisconsin State Fair via email at [entryoffice@wistatefair.com](mailto:entryoffice@wistatefair.com).