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4-H Youth Honored at 2026 Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – The Indiana State Fair Foundation brought together 4-H youth, families, supporters and community members for the annual Celebration of Champions, recognizing more than 100 champion 4-H exhibitors from the 2026 Indiana State Fair.

The Celebration of Champions recognizes Hoosier 4-H youth who reached the highest levels of competition at this year's State Fair. The event celebrates their hard work, dedication and achievement while providing financial awards to support their continued growth.

With the support of donors and sponsors, the Indiana State Fair Foundation raises more than $400,000 annually to provide monetary awards and host the Celebration of Champions. The investment directly supports Indiana's 4-H youth and reinforces the important role agriculture education and youth development play across the state.

"The Celebration of Champions gives us an opportunity to recognize some of the best young people from communities across Indiana," said Ray Allison, Executive Director of the Indiana State Fair Commission. "These 4-H members put in countless hours throughout the year to reach this level. We are proud to celebrate their accomplishments and the families, volunteers and communities that support them."

Champions were recognized across a wide range of 4-H projects, including livestock, animal exhibits, 4-H Exhibit Hall Best of Show, Garden Exhibit, Fashion Revue, demonstrations, presentations, public speaking and tractor operators.

For generations, Indiana 4-H has helped young people develop leadership, responsibility and practical skills through hands-on experiences. The Indiana State Fair is proud to provide a statewide stage where those accomplishments can be recognized and celebrated.

For a complete list of 2026 Celebration of Champions honorees and their counties, visit IndianaStateFairFoundation.com

About the Indiana State Fair Foundation
The Indiana State Fair Foundation raises funds to support year-round agriculture education, youth development and campus stewardship of the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center. The Foundation was established in 2011 to raise private funding to renovate the Indiana Farmers Coliseum. More than $10 million was raised for the iconic building. Annually, the Foundation raises over $250,000 for the Celebration of Champions which provides monetary awards and a special program for 4-H youth who

represent the best of the best at the Indiana State Fair. The Foundation also helps fund year-round agriculture education field trips hosting 40,000 school children annually through both on-site and virtual experiences, visit www.IndianaStateFairFoundation.org.

About the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center

The Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center is a modern public event facility that annually hosts more than 400 meetings, shows, sports and agricultural events, including the Indiana State Fair. The year-round management of the Fairgrounds is overseen by the Indiana State Fair Commission which is a quasi-governmental agency that was established in 1992, with the mission to preserve and enhance the Indiana State Fairgrounds and the annual Indiana State Fair for the benefit of all citizens of Indiana. For more information visit www.indianastatefair.com.