



## Youth Organization Expectations/Requirements

1. Organizations must be an official organization operated at a county, state or national level and available to any Jefferson County youth who meet its membership qualifications.
2. Organizations must apply for Jefferson County Fair approved status annually by completing a youth organization application and submitting it to Jefferson County Fair for approval by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the upcoming year's Fair.
3. Approved organizations must have adult leadership who will serve as a Jefferson County Fair liaison to communicate with membership, verify member status compliance, provide exhibition guidelines and provide organizational leadership and accountability for members leading up to, during and after the Jefferson County Fair. Organization must notify the Fair office of any changes to adult leader within 30 days.
4. Age requirement: Age membership for each organization may vary, but approved organizations must be at minimum open to members between the ages of 8 to 19 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year to meet the Jefferson County Fair eligibility requirements. Organization membership extending before age 8 and beyond age 19 is allowable but those members are not eligible to exhibit in the Jefferson County Fair Junior show. Organizations may set their own member in good standing rules or additional restrictions for youth to be able to represent their organization as an exhibitor at the Jefferson County Fair.
5. Youth must be official members of a respective organization by June 1st of the current Fair year, however a respective youth organization may have earlier qualifying membership deadlines in order to be a member in good standing for Fair participation. After entry deadline the Fair office will email the designated adult leader a list of potential exhibitors who declared their respective organization to participate as a member of. The adult leader must respond to the Fair if the member is in good standing to participate, failure to respond with verification of membership status may negatively affect a youths participation and eliminate future youth organization approval.
6. Approved organizations must provide/offer a minimum of 4 educational experiences per Fair year. It is suggested one should be offered each quarter. The following are examples of educational experiences/activities:
  - Project related events: Ex.) Meetings, Demonstrations, Clinics, Exhibitions, Competitions
  - Recreation/Social Activities (roller-skating, bowling, fundraising event, etc.)
  - Organizational Meetings (monthly, committee, conventions/conferences)
  - Community Event Participation: acts of community involvement or good will
7. It is each organization's discretion how they will monitor/document compliance to determine member in good standing status. All potential Jefferson County Fair exhibitors must meet their organization's membership expectations/requirements and all Jefferson County Fair expectations/requirements which includes date compliance for Jefferson County Fair program/entry submittal. Jefferson County Fair reserves the right to audit at any time an organization for documentation of organizational activities and/or member compliance. Evidence of non-compliance may disqualify a member from Jefferson County Fair participation and/or revoke an organizations future Jefferson County Fair approved status.

For additional information, please contact Jefferson County Fair Park by email at [fair@jeffersoncountywi.gov](mailto:fair@jeffersoncountywi.gov).