



Youth Organization Expectations/Requirements

1. Organizations must be officially recognized and operate at the county, state, or national level. They must also be open to any Jefferson County youth who meet their membership qualifications.
2. Organizations must apply annually for Jefferson County Fair approved status by completing a youth organization application and submitting it to the Jefferson County Fair by March 1st for approval for the upcoming year's Fair.
3. Approved organizations must have adult leadership to serve as a liaison with the Jefferson County Fair. This leader will communicate with members, verify compliance with member status, provide exhibition guidelines, and ensure organizational leadership and accountability before, during, and after the Fair. Any changes to the adult leader must be reported to the Fair office 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 1st 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 May 23rd 2025; 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 communicate the list of potential exhibitors who declared their organization to each respective adult leader. The adult leader must respond to Fair staff if the member is in good standing to participate. Failure to respond with verification of membership status may negatively affect a youth's participation and eliminate future youth organization approval.
6. Approved organizations must 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 goodwill
7. It is each organization's discretion how they will monitor compliance to determine if the member is 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 include date compliance for Jefferson County Fair program/entry submittal. Jefferson County Fair reserves the right to audit an organization at any time 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 organization's future Jefferson County Fair approved status.

For additional information, please contact Jefferson County Fair Park by email at fair@jeffersoncountywi.gov.