

## **Fair Board Awards**

The San Juan County Fair Board has the privilege of awarding up to 10 awards each year for exceptional contributions to the annual San Juan County Fair. The awards are intended to recognize fair participants who add to the energy, vitality and unique identity of the Fair in a way that captures the attention and imagination of attendees.

### Criteria and Guidelines for awards

1. Awardees are selected by the Fair Board. The Board will meet at 9 am the last day of the Fair to discuss awards. There must be a quorum of Fair Board members present in order to proceed. Each award must be approved by a majority of Fair Board members present at the meeting.
2. It is the goal, but not a requirement, of the Fair Board to award at least one award in each of the following categories:
  - a. Agricultural/livestock booths or exhibits
  - b. Food vendors
  - c. Commercial booths
  - d. Non-profit booths
  - e. Entertainment
  - f. Exhibits
3. Awardees may be exhibitors, vendors, contractors, or employees of the Fair. Awards given to employees of the Fair must be approved unanimously by all Fair Board members present at the meeting at which awardees are selected.
4. Awardees may not have received a Fair Board Award the previous year. An exception may be made for prior winners who have done something new and substantially different from what was presented the year before. Eligibility for prior year award winners must be approved unanimously by all Fair Board members present at the meeting at which awardees are selected.
5. The Fair Board should consider conflicts of interest when selecting awardees. Awards to persons (whether as individuals or as booth operators) who are either Fair Board members or immediate family of Fair Board members must be approved unanimously by all Fair Board members present at the meeting at which awardees are selected.
6. Up to 10 awards may be given each year. There is no requirement that all 10 be awarded.
7. The award is a ribbon; there is no monetary component to the award.

It is the recommendation of the Fair Board that San Juan County Parks & Fair Department prepare and disseminate a press release announcing all winners upon the conclusion of the fair. The press release should include a link to these guidelines for public viewing. Inclusion of this announcement within a larger press release regarding the fair would be acceptable as well, as determined by San Juan County Parks & Fair Department communications staff. In addition, the list of winners should be posted on the Fair website.