WSFA – Saffire Registration Grant 2026

Rules and Guidelines

This grant is designed to enable an individual to receive one full registration to the Washington State Fairs Association Convention in Wenatchee, Washington at the Wenatchee Convention Center from October 22 -24, 2026.

- Through the support of Saffire, two grant will be awarded in 2026. This is a full registration for the recipient.
- A single registration entitles you to one name badge, entrance to all convention activities, meals, a program and number making you eligible for all the prizes to be given away.
- Additional Individual meals may be purchased for $55 each: Thursday lunch, Thursday evening; Friday lunch; Friday evening; Saturday lunch.
- Badges will be required at all meetings and convention functions.
- If you are already registered for the convention, you do not need to additionally register for Super Saturday.
- This grant does not include travel costs or lodging. The hotel information is located on the WSFA website with convention rate available until Tuesday, September 30, 2026.

Two (2) Grant to be awarded in 2026 - Guidelines and Eligibility

- Must have never attended the WSFA Convention or have not attended in two or more years.
- Must be from a WSFA member Fair (board member, staff members, or volunteer). All member Fairs must be in good standing.
- Grants are not transferable
- Grants received are for the 2026 WSFA Annual Convention.

Procedure

- Applications are due by Wednesday, September 23rd by 5 pm. (See below)
- Provide a letter from the organization's CEO or Board President supporting the applicants' participation in the WSFA Annual Convention if applying from a Fair.

Judging

- Applications will be "blind" when delivered to the members of the scholarship selection committee, and will be given a "blind judging"
- Judging will be based on an individual score. Each judge reviews each application individually and on its own merit, assigning a score to that individual application.

Criteria

- Evidence of leadership & involvement – 3 points
- Service to community and fair – 3 points
- Outstanding character – 1 point
- Essay – 5 points

WSFA
OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM FOR

SAFFIRE CONVENTION GRANT 2026

Name:

Address:

City: State/Prov: Zip:

Phone Number (Best way to reach you): Email Address
Name of Fair Associated with:

Address of Fair:

City: State: Zip:

Fair Phone: Years Associated With Fair:

Have you ever been to the WSFA Annual Convention?

If yes, when was the last time you attended?_____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This is a fillable Form. When you open it on your computer you can type directly into the form from your computer, but you must do a SAVE AS function-to save it as a different file name and specific file location (i.e. desktop or separate folder) in order for it to contain the information when sent!

2. **DO NOT** put your name OR Fair name on the subsequent pages. Use additional sheets as necessary (again without your name or Fair name). Attach to application.

3. Please forward a letter from the Fair you are representing stating that they are supporting your application and would commit to paying travel costs and lodging

4. Essay: Include a typed double-spaced, 12-point font, essay of not more than 750 words telling why you feel attending the WSFA Convention will be beneficial to you as well as the Fair you are representing. ***Applicants must not reveal their identity or the identity of the Fair in an essay.*** This is to ensure "blind review" by the selection committee.

5. Email application. **It must be received September 23rd by 5 pm.** Email: wastatefairs@outlook.com

Applicant #_____

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Date Received: _____/_____/_____ Age OK? ☐ Org. Membership Valid? ☐

1. What is your role at the Fair you are representing?

2. Please check the following WSFA conventions and meetings you have attended that you have been involved with:

   Super School Yes No
   How many years?
   Presented workshop/program/roundtable? Yes No

   WSFA Conventions Yes No How many years?

   Must not have attended in the last two years.

3. List of volunteer commitment and leadership activities and roles (outside of Fair industry)

Applicant #_____