



Washington  
State Department of  
Agriculture

# Recruitment for FAIRS COMMISSIONER



Washington State Department of Agriculture is recruiting for an engaging person to fill a vacancy on the Fairs Commission. **This is an eastern Washington position.**

Fairs Commissioners are appointed for three-year terms and serve in an advisory capacity to the Director of Agriculture. Primary responsibilities include attending two annual meetings, evaluating fairs and youth shows, making recommendations on the funding allocations made to fairs, prioritizing requests for capital improvement project funding, attending the annual fairs association convention, and performing other duties that may be required by the Director. The term will expire on February 29, 2024.

Fairs Commissioners must be available to attend and evaluate participating fairs and attend meetings called by the Department. The busiest time is fair season: April through September. Each Commissioner evaluates between 5 - 8 fairs during the fair season and must be able to provide his or her own transportation.

To avoid a conflict of interest or the perception of a conflict of interest, Fairs Commissioners should not serve on fair boards or fair management teams while in office.

Fairs Commissioners are entitled to compensation in accordance with RCW 43.03.240, which means Commissioners receive state per diem for their travel and a stipend of \$50.00 per day for performing assigned duties.

Desirable qualifications for the position are:

- Knowledge and experience in the fairs industry as an exhibitor, contestant, superintendent, judge, fair board member, 4-H leader or member, FFA teacher or member, or other related activity.
- An education in agriculture, home economics, education, business, or other related field.
- Knowledge of Washington's agricultural industry, 4-H, FFA, or other youth programs, and the general scope of the fairs industry.
- Experience that would assist in making comprehensive evaluations of fairs and communicating findings and ideas with the fairs and general public through writing and speaking.

**If you would like to apply to be a Fairs Commissioner, you may do so by submitting a resume and letter of interest no later than December 18, 2020 to:**

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Appointees must pass a background check and show proof of eligibility to work in the United States.