**2025**

**TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS MERIT AWARDS**

# APPLICATION (Must print or type)

Fairs are evaluated by the State Merit Awards Committee. If determined worthy, your fair will receive an Award of Merit, 2nd runner-up, 1st runner-up, or champion award from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture respective of the four classifications of A, AA, AAA, or Regional. The Tennessee Association of Fairs will also present a “Most Improved” award for a fair in A, AA, or AAA classification and a Champion of Champions Award. In order for a fair to be eligible for one of the state or association awards, a fair must have paid $1,000 or more in premiums for *approved* agricultural exhibits at their most recent fair.

**Name of Fair**

**Fair Mailing Address**

**Physical Address of Fair** (include street or highway number, city, and ZIP

**Age of Fair**       **2025 Fair Dates**

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# CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the information in this application is true and accurate, and we agree to stand by the decision of the Merit Awards Committee.

President Date

Secretary Date

Manager Date

**MUST** be signed by at least two (2) fair officials. Premium catalog **MUST** accompany this application.

**MAIL TO:** **Heath Hill DEADLINE: November 1, 2025**

**Tennessee Association of Fairs   
22 Dry Weakly Road  
Ethridge, TN 38456**

**FAIR SUMMARY Fair\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2**

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| **FAIR CLASSIFICATION**  Area served by fair: County  Regional | **2023** | **2024** | | **2025** | |
| **Estimated total attendance (free and/or paid)**  **PARTICIPATION** |  |  | |  | |
| Number of individual exhibits or entries (Totals p. 3 + p. 4) |  |  | |  | |
| Number of individual exhibitors (Totals p. 3 + p. 4) |  |  | |  | |
| Number of commercial exhibits |  |  | |  | |
| Number of volunteers assisting with fair during year |  |  | |  | |
| Number of hours contributed by volunteers  **PREMIUM INFORMATION** |  |  | |  | |
| Total amount offered in all premiums (i.e. prize money, |  |  | |  | |
| agriculture, demolition derby, horse show, tractor pull, etc.) | | |  | |  | |
| Total amount actually paid in all premiums (cash) | | |  | |  | |
| Total amount offered in approved agricultural premiums | | |  | |  | |
| Total amount actually paid in approved agricultural premiums  **FINANCES** | | |  | |  | |
| County or local aid (County or local government funding) | | |  | |  | |
| Gross receipts for fair week only (excluding state or local aid.  This is income that pertains to fair week. It may be collected at other times but is generated BECAUSE OF fair week, such as booth rent collected 3 weeks prior to fair.) | | |  | |  | |
| Actual expenses (excluding permanent improvements) | | |  | |  | |
| Expenses made for permanent improvements | | |  | |  | |
| Gain or Loss for fair Gain | | |  | |  | |
| Loss | | |  | |  | |

Unusual circumstances resulting in the gain or loss

General weather conditions during the fair

**APPROVED AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITS Fair\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3**

**Departments No. of Exhibits (entries) No. of Exhibitors (individuals)**

**Livestock & other animals 2023 2024 2025 2023 2024 2025**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. Beef (Open Competition) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Junior Beef (Youth) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Dairy (Open Competition) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Junior Dairy (Youth) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Sheep (Open Competition) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. Junior Sheep (Youth) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Swine (Open Competition) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8. Junior Swine (Youth) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9. Mules & Draft Horses |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. Goats – Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Meat Goats |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dairy Goats |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11. Poultry |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12. Rabbits |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13. Other animals (emu, ostrich, etc.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Animal Products**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 14. Cheese |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15. Eggs |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16. Honey |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17. Meats |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Horticulture**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 18. Youth field crops, vegetables |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19. Adult field crops, vegetables |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20. Flowers, plants, arrangements. etc. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Domestic Arts/Activities**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 21. Youth domestic arts |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22. Adult domestic arts |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Youth Educational Exhibits (table top, free-standing)**

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| 23. FFA, 4-H, FHA/HERO, etc. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Adult Educational Exhibits (table top, free-standing)**

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| 24. Community Club, FCE Clubs, etc. |  |  |  |  | |  | |  | |
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| **TOTAL Agricultural Exhibits** |  |  |  |
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**COMPETITIVE INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS Fair\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4**

**(non-agricultural)**

**Departments No. of Exhibits (entries) No. of Exhibitors (individuals)**

**2023 2024 2025 2023 2024 2025**

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| 1. Adult Art |  |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| 2. Youth Art |  |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| 3. Adult Crafts |  |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| 4. Youth Crafts |  |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| 5. Adult Photography |  |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| 6. Youth Photography |  |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| 7. Vocational School Exhibits |  |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| 8. Motorized Entries (demolition derby,  tractor pull, etc.) |  |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| 9. Animal Entries (horse shows, etc.) |  |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| 10. All other competitions (pageants, cook- offs, corn hole tournaments, contests, etc.) |  |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| **TOTAL Competitive Exhibits** |  |  |  | |
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## FAIR FACILITIES/ACTIVITIES

1. **What type of grounds do you have? (fairgrounds, school, park, ag complex, etc.)**

1. **Ownership of grounds: County Government**       **City Government**         
   **School**       **Privately owned**       **Other**        
   **If other, describe**

**Number of acres**

1. **Are permanent buildings available? Yes**  **No**

**If yes, please list**

***For Pages 5- 7, please use additional sheets if necessary to describe your fair:***

**Fair\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *5***

1. **List new features, events, or other activities introduced at your 2025 fair.**

**5. List and describe live demonstrations:**

**Fair\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6**

**6. Describe in brief narrative what your fair is doing to encourage the following:**

## Agriculture and Industry Youth Involvement Leadership Development

**Better Rural & Urban Relationships Attendance Participation**

1. **Did your fair participate in the recognition of Century Farms in your county? If so, please describe.**

1. **Describe ways your fair has addressed the areas of concern regarding reducing disease risks to visitors and promotion of hand-washing. Did your fair display hand-washing posters and signage? Handwashing stations? Describe actions taken. Be specific and quantitative.**

**Fair\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 7**

1. **Describe improvements made to your fair and fairgrounds during 2025. Include pictures, etc.**

**10. Give reasons you feel your fair should be considered for an award for 2025.**