

Oconto Clover Connect

I pledge my **head** to clearer thinking, my **heart** to greater loyalty, my **hands** to larger service, and my **health** to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.



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March 2025

Greetings 4-H Families!

Spring into 4-H: Exciting Opportunities Await!

As the snow melts and the days grow longer, it's time to shift gears from winter hibernation to full-on action! Spring is the perfect time to dive into your 4-H projects, explore new interests, and start planning for an incredible season ahead. Whether you're gearing up for fair projects, looking forward to hands-on workshops, or dreaming about summer adventures, we've got something for everyone!

Time to Dig into Your Projects!

With warmer days ahead, now is a great time to set goals and make progress on your 4-H projects. Whether you're working with animals, perfecting your art skills, testing your baking talents, or building something amazing, don't forget to document your journey and reach out for support if needed. Keep an eye out for upcoming project workshops that can help you build new skills and connect with fellow 4-H'ers!

Upcoming 4-H Adventures You Won't Want to Miss!

- **Summer Camp** – Get ready for outdoor fun, leadership development, and lifelong memories at 4-H camp! Our counselors are working hard to create the best experience for your campers! Registration is open now and fills quickly so don't delay!
- **Herb Kohl Learning Journey Trip** – Youth ages 13-17 can travel to Washington, D.C., meet fellow 4-H youth from Marinette, Oconto, and Waupaca counties, and experience leadership in action!
- **County and Statewide Workshops** – Learn something new, meet new friends, and grow your 4-H experience through hands-on activities. Check out the newsletter for more details!

As we welcome spring, let's embrace all the opportunities 4-H has to offer. Stay engaged, ask questions, and most importantly—have fun!

Get ready to grow with 4-H this season!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/22	Beef Weigh in 9:00 am	Oconto County Fairgrounds
3/24	YQCA 6:00 pm	Pulaski Community Middle School
4/26	Sheet/Goat Weigh in 9:00 am	Oconto County Fairgrounds
4/26	Swine Tag Pick up 9-10 am	Oconto County Fairgrounds
6/6	Green Bay Blizzard Dairy Night	
6/23-6/27	Summer Camp	Camp Bird
8/16	Cat, Dog, Horse, and Small Animal Show	Oconto County Fairgrounds
8/21-8/24	Oconto County Youth Fair	Oconto County Fairgrounds

Camp MarOcoSha Registration is Open!

Camp MarOcoSha is open for youth in grades 3-7 at Camp Bird in Crivitz. Join us for a week of fun. This year's theme is Wild West. Reserve your spot today! <https://tinyurl.com/4HMarOcoSha25>



4-H CAMP MAROCOSHA
CAMPER REGISTRATION
 OPENS SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST
 FOR 4-H YOUTH

<https://tinyurl.com/4HMarOcoSha25>

Grades 3 - 7

Join us for activities lead by 4-H Camp Staff, including trained counselors and adult volunteers in:
 Arts & Crafts - STEM - Archery - Indoor Games - Waterfront
 Mindfulness - Outdoor Recreation - Team Building - Communication
 Camp is held at Camp Bird, Crivitz from June 24 - 27. 2025.

2025 THEME: WILD WEST



New Family Newsletter

There is a state resource available for new families, each month we will include a link to the newsletter for new families to check out. This month is information on 4-H projects. Click [here](#) to view the newsletter.

New, Free 4-H Harmony Guide

Do you ever feel like you're running out of ideas for icebreakers or ways to help youth connect? The 4-H Harmony Guide: Meet Up, Buddy Up, is a set of hundreds of cards and activities you can use with youth of all ages.

Best of all, it's a new, [free download from Shop4-H!](#)

Three types of cards (Collaborations, Conversations, and Community Builders) are designed for two different age groups (Early Childhood and Upper Grades). All the cards are meant to build connection and community by helping youth meet up with each other and buddy up to work and play together. Make conversations a regular part of 4-H gatherings. Regular conversations, even short ones, can help young people connect to others and build a sense of belonging. Conversations can also help young people learn and develop important life skills that help them thrive! Club and Project volunteers can use these cards in meetings with youth. Camp counselors and other youth leaders

can use them in their programs. The cards can be a training tool or just for fun.

Request your [free download](#) and get started today!

Attention Adult Volunteers!!

There are volunteers that are in need of completing training and/or background screening. If you reenrolled but did not receive a confirmation email from UW-Madison with your role descriptions, you are not yet fully approved and need to reach out to us as soon as possible. The 4-H office will let you know what is needed and where to find the training(s). Contact the 4-H office at 920-834-6845.

If you haven't enrolled as a volunteer yet, please do so ASAP.

WI AmeriCorps Positions Open

Looking for a summer opportunity or know someone who is? Wisconsin 4-H x AmeriCorps has exciting quarter-time positions starting May 19! Earn a living allowance, receive education assistance, and grow your skills professionally.: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin4h-ameri-corps/>

Wisconsin AmeriCorps POSITIONS OPEN

Looking for a summer "job" to earn money and build your resume?

- Get Support while you serve**
Earn \$5,000 in living allowances
- Receive Education Assistance**
Receive nearly \$2,000 in an education award
- Grow Professionally**
Add UW-Madison Extension & AmeriCorps to your career credentials

Positions are available statewide. Find one in a county near you!

4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin4h-ameri-corps

Spring Horse Project Meeting

The Spring Horse Project Meeting will be held April 6, 2025 at 3:00 pm at Kathie Beschta's house. 6401 Kriescher Rd, Lena WI 54139 (920-829-5417). Please bring the information needed to fill out the horse information sheets at the meeting. This would be the age, color, markings, breed, and height for each horse you may be bringing to the fair.

We will review the Horse Project Handbook and required forms, look at important dates including ring nights and discuss other important topics. The Educational Activity will be learning how to read show patterns. We will be outside running through patterns so wear appropriate clothing. If the weather is nice, we may be holding the meeting outside so you could bring lawn chairs. See you then!



Little Seedlings 4-H Club Donates for New Playground

The Little Seedlings 4-H Club presented a check for \$200 to the Friends of Gillett to use for the future new playground at Zipple Park.



Member Re-Enrollment

Our new enrollment year for 2025 began on October 1.

Members and leaders must re-enroll each year by November 30. Regular members must be in 3rd grade or older.

Cloverbuds (children in 5K through 2nd grade) should be listed in your club enrollment. Cloverbuds can participate in club activities. They can exhibit at the County Fair, only in the Cloverbud category, and do not receive premiums.

*New members can join at any time but must enroll by April 30 to enter in the Fair.

*April 30 is also the deadline to add or drop projects. *You must be enrolled in a project in order to exhibit at the Fair in that project.

You can register [here](#). If you have any questions or need assistance, please call our office at 920-834-6845 or email amy.brehmer@ocontocountywi.gov.

Calling all Photographers

This contest will run through 4-H online and that is where you can find contest details and guidelines. This is a great way to build your skills as a photographer and have your work evaluated. Deadline: April 1. Register and learn more about the contest here: <https://25StatewidePhotoContest.4honline.com>



The poster features the title "4-H ARTS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST" at the top. Below the title is a central image of a young woman with dark hair, wearing a dark shirt, holding a camera up to her eye as if taking a photo. To the left of the image is a starburst icon above a box that says "CONTEST CLOSING APRIL 1ST!". To the right is another starburst icon above a QR code. Below the image are three columns: "WHO" (Any active 4-H members grades 3-13), "WHAT" (Enter a photo in any of the following categories: 1. 4-H Themed, 2. People, 3. Animals/Wildlife, 4. Textures, 5. Landscape, 6. Black and White Only), and "HOW" (The contest will run through 4-H online. Scan the QR code or click the link to learn more!). At the bottom left are the 4-H clover logo and the University of Wisconsin Extension logo.

Save the Dates!

- March 22, 2025 9:00 am – Beef weigh in, Oconto County Fairgrounds. Exhibitors and animals must be in line by 11:00 am.
- April 26, 2025 9:00 am – Sheep/Goat weigh in, Oconto County Fairgrounds.
- April 26, 2025 9-10 am – Swine tag pick up.
- June 6, 2025 - Green Bay Blizzard Dairy Night to highlight local 4-H clubs and groups, more information on ticket sales and fundraising opportunities to come.
- June 23 – 27, 2025 – Camp MarOcoSha. 38 counselors have signed up and began training to make this year the best one yet! Adult staff applications should be out soon, as well as registration.
- August 16, 2025 – Horse, dog, cat, and small animal show, Oconto County Fairgrounds.
- August 21-24, 2025 – Oconto County Youth Fair, Oconto County Fairgrounds.

Neighborhood Forest – Free Trees

Once again, we are partnering with Neighborhood Forest's tree program, they are giving trees out as part of their Earth Week celebration from April 16-22.

We are excited to be participating in this wonderful program that teaches youth about the importance of environmental stewardship through the magic and wonder of planting and watching trees grow.

Please fill out the following online registration form by March 15th and receive a free tree (6-12 inches in size) during Earth Week (April 16-22). The tree species will be announced in early April. Neighborhood Forest aims to provide native trees in all regions they serve.

Register to receive a free tree for Earth Day to plant with your child:
<https://www.neighborhoodforest.org/parent-registration/?school=26435>

For the purpose of the program please indicate your child's teacher to be the 4-H Program Educator, and Neighborhood Forest Coordinator Aimee Elkins

Trees will be delivered to us and we will arrange to get the trees in the hands of your children on or around Earth Day (April 22nd) via pick up.

Instructions on planting and caring for the trees, along with species details, will be emailed a few days before the tree delivery and will also be accessible in the "[Resources](#)" section on the Neighborhood Forest website. For further questions, please check out the [Parent FAQs](#).

Thank you for your support and participation. For more information about this program, please visit www.neighborhoodforest.org or www.facebook.com/neighborhoodforest.

Ice Skating Event Hosted by Northern Riders 4-H Club

The Northern Riders 4-H club organized an open skating event at the Crawford Center in Shawano on March 2. There was a great county wide turnout. The kids all had a great time!



4-H Projects

All 4-H Projects need to be entered in 4-H online by April 30, to be able to bring items to the fair. New this year, I worked with the state and got access for families to be able to enter your own projects in as needed. You can go under the profile and click on projects on the left-hand side, then click edit. If you are having issues, please reach out to me and I will gladly get them added for you. You can email me at amy.brehmer@ocontocountywi.gov, please include what projects your child would like added.

Member List

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Wisconsin 4-H

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Project Alias	Years In Project	State Project	Club Name	Volunteer Type	Consents
Art	5		Oconto River Rockstars		No Consents
Cats	5		Oconto River Rockstars		No Consents
Ceramics	5		Oconto River Rockstars		No Consents
Crocheting	5		Oconto River Rockstars		No Consents
Dairy Goat	3		Oconto River Rockstars		No Consents
Dogs	5		Oconto River Rockstars		No Consents

Blizzard Dairy Night – June 6th

Save the date for Dairy Night at the Blizzard game on June 6. More information on fundraising opportunities and links for ticket ordering to come.



Presented by: Milksource

Presented by: Robinson

June 6th // 7:05pm // DAIRY NIGHT

MOO-ve on over to the Resch Center and kick-off Dairy Month in style with Green Bay Blizzard Indoor Football as they look to put the Barnstormers on ICE!

Hard-Hitting, Affordable, Family-Fun

EXCLUSIVE 4H or FFA club specials:

"Steer" clear of normal tickets price with a special **BOGO = Two Tickets for \$20!**

- Fundraise for your club – with each \$20 two pack purchased on your link – a \$5 donation will be made back to your club.
- Custom ticket link provided for your group.
- Cow and Calves – pre-game.
- Special pre-game experience for 4H and FFA Groups
- **Exclusive** opportunity for 4H and FFA Groups to compete at half-time **SPACE IS LIMITED so RSVP - ASAP!**
- Special Jersey, Special Game Ball And more. . . It will be "udder" chaos!

#GoBlizz

Get off your "Dairy"- ere and get your group signed up!

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER:

Email: cass@greenbayblizzard.com

Wisconsin 4-H is Looking for Adult Volunteers

Adult advisors are needed for programs like Space Camp, Summer Academy, Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress, and more. Adult advisors will serve as support for all youth participants and work as a team to ensure that the experience runs smoothly. Learn more about the positions available and find the application [here](#).



2025 Area Animal Science Days

**WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL
SCIENCE DAYS**

Save the Dates

**PIERCE COUNTY
JUNE 13TH**

**CALUMET COUNTY
JUNE 30TH**



**WATCH INBOXES AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR
FUTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION**



Wildlife & Woods

Wisconsin 4-H is excited to offer two Wildlife & Woods virtual series again in 2025 - Explorations and Careers & Competitions!

Wildlife & Woods Explorations are suggested for grades K-5 through elementary school youth and their families. The sessions will be interactive and will include wildlife, forestry, wildlife art and more.

Wildlife & Woods Careers & Competitions Series are suggested for middle school through high school youth and their families. The sessions will be interactive and will include guest speakers talking about careers, information about wildlife and forestry competitions and resources available to learn more.

Registration for these events is now open in 4HOnline!

Wildlife & Woods

EXPLORATIONS VIRTUAL SERIES

FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES K-5
7:00PM-7:45PM

JAN. 29, 2025
FEB. 26, 2025
MAR. 26, 2025
APRIL 23, 2025

Register via 4HOnline
wi.4honline.com

Wildlife & Woods

CAREERS & COMPETITION VIRTUAL SERIES

FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES 6-12
7:00PM-7:45PM

JAN. 27, 2025
FEB. 24, 2025
MAR. 24, 2025
APRIL 28, 2025

Register via 4HOnline
wi.4honline.com

To learn more about virtual learning opportunities, please visit 4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc

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WI Towns Association Scholarship

The WI Towns Association, Rural Mutual Insurance Company & Scott Construction, Inc., will be awarding \$7,000 in scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2025 from a public or private high school in WI that plan to enroll in a WI public or private college or a university in 2025. The winners are determined by independent judging of an essay contest. The essay should address the topic: "What are 3 top priorities your local town government officials should pursue to improve the quality of life in your community?" Essays must be postmarked by **May 23, 2025**. For more information and an application, visit [https:// www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/](https://www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/)

YQCA In-Person Training

Shawano County is working with Kaleb Santy, Pulaski FFA Advisor, to host an in-person YQCA class. All youth are invited to attend.

This YQCA in person training will be held at Pulaski Community Middle School in the Auditorium on the south side of school. You may enter through the pool doors around 5:50pm. The whole family is welcome to attend to ask questions and get involved. You may contact the instructors by email with questions beforehand - kmsanty@pulaskischool.org. Please plan on the training lasting 60-90 minutes. Be sure each youth takes the pre test before March 24. Youth from any county, club, or chapter may attend this training so long as they are signed up and paid (\$3) online beforehand.

Kaleb Santy
Pulaski Community Middle School
911 S St Augustine St Pulaski, WI 54162

For more information about YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, visit: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Summer Academy

SAVE THE DATE. June 16-19, 2025

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/summer-academy/>

This new Positive Youth Development program will help you discover pathways to your future. Signup to learn what it takes to have a career, or a hobby in several SPARK areas including agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, and many more. There will be fun opportunities to build networks and friendships with folks from all over the state of WI. Summer Academy will be held at the UW-Madison Campus, where youth and adult chaperones will stay at Chadbourne Residence hall. Youth will be participating in a wide variety of track-based activities and seminars. They will be able to visit different locations on Campus and in Madison. They will also have the opportunity to hear from speakers, watch a performance from the 4-H Drama Company, and participate in a variety of fun hands-on activities!

Youth currently in grades 8-11 will be able to register for Summer Academy when registration tentatively opens soon. The registration will be done in 4HOnline. You can find the registration by going to your youth's profile and clicking on the events tab in 4HOnline. The event will be called "Summer Academy".



Herb Kohl Learning Journey Trip to Washington D.C.

Marinette, Oconto, and Waupaca Counties Herb Kohl Learning Journey Trip To Washington D.C. anticipated travel dates the week of July 21,2025~

Thank you to the generosity of an Herb Kohl Philanthropies educational experience grant, we are able to provide the opportunity for 40 Marinette, Oconto, and Waupaca County 4-H youth ages 13-17 (at time of travel) to Washington D.C. during the week of July 21st (exact dates/time of travel will be shared shortly.)

More about the experience...

The Washington D.C. Learning Journey is a grant funded opportunity through the Herb Kohl Philanthropies (HKP). Due to the nature of the grant, the opportunity for this learning journey is primarily for youth who have not experienced travel to Washington D.C. Youth who have attended Washington D.C. on other experiences (school, 4-H etc.) are welcome to still apply, but please know priority will be given to those who have not been to Washington D.C. before.

We will travel to Washington D.C. the week of July 21st (details are still being worked on). The group will meet in Green Bay, be bused to the Milwaukee Regional Airport where we will fly to Washington D.C. as a group. Exact dates and times are currently being worked out with our travel agent, however with our timeline we need to start applications now. We will keep everyone updated as we are able.

Other requirements of the grant are to attend the U.S. Capitol Building and go on a college tour. There is a strong chance the group will be touring the University of Maryland. We will also be going on a general tour of Washington D.C. including monuments, Smithsonian Museums and more. There will be a good balance of STEM, Citizenship and History learning opportunities. The final itinerary has not been set yet.

Youth will be roomed by gender in hotel rooms and the tour company provides overnight security. There will be four youth in a room as this is what the grant provides. The grant provides meals (\$10/meal) and are coordinated at fast food restaurants.

There will be a minimal cost to families to assist in covering group t-shirts, snacks, bottled water, the coach bus to the airport etc. The remainder of the cost (travel, hotel, food etc.) will be covered by HKP.

If you are a youth interested in attending, please complete the interest form/application here:

<https://tinyurl.com/MarOcoWau-DC-Trip-2025>

We are looking for 1 additional female and 1 additional male to support this trip as well, if you are interested in attending as a chaperone please complete this application: <https://tinyurl.com/MarOcoWau-DC-Chap-app>

Please contact Aimee if you have any questions- aimee.elkins@wisc.edu. We are so excited to be able to offer this amazing experience to our local 4-H youth!



State 4-H Dog Speaking and Demonstration Contest

May 4, 2025, at the STEM Innovation Center - UW Green Bay Campus, 2019 Technology Way, Green Bay, WI 54311

4-H dog project members are invited to be part of the statewide 4-H dog speaking & demonstration contest. Cost: \$6.00, per youth, per speaking category. Registration 10:00am; contest begins 10:30am.

Speaking Categories: Public Speaking; Interpretative Reading; Individual Demonstration (or Illustrated Talk); Team Demonstration (or Illustrated Talk). Grade Divisions: grades 3-5, grades 6-8, grades 9-13

Contest Registration: all dog speaking registration will be done through 4-H online. You need to be an enrolled 4-H member to register for the contest. Registration closes April 1st. Register online at: <https://254hdogspeaking.4honline.com>

For the dog speaking contest, in team demonstration, if you are working with a team member that is in a different age division, you need to enter in the older member's division. For more information and rules, visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/small-animals/dogs-project/>

2025 Animal Sciences Virtual Education

Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, is hosting webinars from February through April from 6:30-7:30 p.m. They are available for all youth grades 3-13. The sessions will be recorded and available on the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program's YouTube channel. This is offered in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and Division of Extension. Register for all events!

The February 2025 animal sciences virtual education series video on "Cooking with Beef" is now available. Click on the link to review the video making Taco Beef Nuggets.

https://youtu.be/v_QfPRb7V1Q

Don't forget to sign up for the March (Biosecurity) and April (Charcuterie boards) sessions at <https://go.wisc.edu/tnq61h>

Attention Rabbit Project Members

Some great opportunities for current or interested members to expand or start your projects! 4 Lop/Rex Crossbred baby rabbits in need of a new home.

Please contact Aimee at aimee.elkins@wisc.edu to get you in touch with the current home to make arrangements.



Painting Night Recap

We had a great turn out, and 20 youth learned how to create a "Happy Cat, Grumpy Cat" unique art piece with instruction from our amazingly talented volunteer Kathie Beschta. Thank you to all the youth and parents who attended, the Willing Workers 4-H Club for hosting the event, the Oconto County Leaders Association for covering the cost of supplies, and especially our instructor Kathie! Everyone did a great job, we hope to see some of these amazing pieces at the fair this summer!



State 4-H Horse Education Days

Reminder, 4-H Horse Educational Contest entries for Speaking and Demonstration, Horse Bowl, and Hippology are due April 1st. Entry information can be found in the WI 4-H Horse Handbook under Chapter 5 in Education Days. More details about each contest can be found in Chapter 4 in the Educational Guidelines. 4-H Horse Handbook Link: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../wisconsin-4-h-horse.../>

Wanted – Adult Volunteers

We are still on the lookout for some adult volunteers for summer camp! Register here if interested: Apply for your spot by March 14, 2025: <https://tinyurl.com/4hcampadult>

Submissions Wanted!

Did you want to share about a successful 4-H event that you just hosted? Do you have an upcoming 4-H event that you want to promote? Do you have a fun experience or 4-H story to share? Send your news, notes, reports, and articles to us along with a photo, and we'll include in the next issue. See below for our email and mailing addresses.

Deadline: All contributions are due by the 15th of the month to make it into the next publication.

Feedback

Please do not hesitate to provide feedback, both positive and negative to us. Sharing your thoughts, ideas, and observations helps your Extension Office do the best we can to serve you. Please send us an email so that we can follow up with you.

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Oconto County 4-H



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Oconto County Fairest of the Fair/Fair Ambassador

Application

2025 Official Entry Form

Entry Deadline – April 1, 2025

Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Permanent Address _____

City State Zip

Phone Number _____

Current Email Address _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian _____

Sponsor Name _____

Contact Person _____ Phone Number _____

Sponsor Address _____

City State Zip

\$50 Sponsor Fee must be included with application.

Check payable to Oconto County Youth Fair

High School Attend(ed) _____

Graduated _____ Current Senior _____ Current Junior _____

Club & Organization Participation _____

College Attend(ed) _____

Graduated _____ Senior _____ Junior _____ Sophomore _____ Freshman _____

Club & Organization Participation _____

Community Activities (other than those listed above) _____

Honors & Awards _____

Key your response to the following question on a separate piece of paper. Your response can be up to one-page, double-spaced, 12-point font. Staple your response to your completed application.

You have been asked to give a 5-minute speech about the Oconto County Youth Fair. What content would you include in your speech and why?

Completed application materials, photo, and sponsor fee should be mailed to:

Fairest of the Fair Committee
PO Box 502
Gillett, WI 54124

All application materials must be received by April 1, 2025.



Oconto County Fairest of the Fair/Fair Ambassador Contest Rules

1. Contestant must be a resident of Oconto County. If college student, contestant must have a permanent address in Oconto County. Exception - contestant can reside in adjoining county if they are an exhibitor at the Oconto County Youth Fair.
2. Contestant must have been a resident of the State of Wisconsin for at least one year prior to entry and must maintain Wisconsin residency the one-year reign as Oconto County Fairest of the Fair/Fair Ambassador.
3. Contestant must be at least 18 years of age as of January 1, 2026.
4. Contestant must have a valid driver's license with a current insurance policy.
5. Fairest of the Fair/Ambassador and Attendant must be available to attend events during the entire week of the Fair. Specific dates and times of attendance will be given to the Fairest/Ambassador and Attendant once the fair dates for 2025 have been announced.
6. The competition will name The Fairest of the Fair/Fair Ambassador and the Attendant (runner-up). The Attendant's role will be to assist The Fairest/Fair Ambassador throughout the year. The Fairest of the Fair/Fair Ambassador and the Attendant will serve as the official hosts of the Fair and as fair representatives at many public events. A complete calendar of required events will be provided to the candidates chosen after competition. The Fairest of the Fair/Fair Ambassador and the Attendant will also be responsible for posting to social media throughout their year in these roles. Posts will be made to the Fair's Facebook page and web site.
7. The contestant named Fairest of the Fair/Fair Ambassador will be required to represent Oconto County in the State Fairest of the Fairs competition that will take place at the Wisconsin State Fairs Association convention in January 2026. Specific details for this competition will be provided by the Oconto County Fair Board. A scrapbook of the year's activities will be required to be submitted as part of this competition. It is the Fairest's/Fair Ambassador's responsibility to complete this book.
8. Contestant will provide a valid and current email address. Contestant is expected to check email daily. The Fairest/Fair Ambassador and Attendant will be provided with an email account provided by the Fairest Committee that is to be dedicated to the position. These account addresses will be used by the Committee and the Fair Board to communicate with the Fairest/Fair Ambassador and Attendant. These addresses will also be shared with the public as a means to communicate with these positions.
9. Contestant will be expected to cover all tattoos and body piercings (with the exception of ears) while in crown and sash.
10. Contestant's social media accounts must be shared with the Fairest Committee and cannot contain any material deemed to be inappropriate by the Committee/Fair Board. It is understood that the Committee will periodically check these accounts to be sure that they do not contain any material that would be considered questionable.
11. Contestant must have a sponsor for the competition. Any business (including farms), individual, youth or civic organization may sponsor a candidate. The sponsor fee for each contestant is \$50. Checks are payable to: Oconto County Youth Fair. Sponsorships will go towards offsetting the cost of the Fairest program. Sponsor fee is due at the time the application is submitted.

12. Contestant will need to provide three letters of recommendation. Letters need to include name, address, and phone or email address of reference. References should direct letters towards candidate's skills, volunteer services, organization membership, community involvement, etc. Note - references should not be relatives.
13. Contestant must furnish a photo for media purposes. Print your name on the back of the photo. It is understood that by providing this photo, each contestant is giving permission to publish the photo in Oconto County newspapers. The winner and attendant will be provided a professional photo session after the contest.
14. The candidate chosen Fairest of the Fair/Fair Ambassador will receive a monetary scholarship/stipend of \$1000 from the Oconto County Youth Fair Board after successfully completing the one-year reign. The Fairest/Fair Ambassador will also receive a \$300 expense allowance (for items such as clothing and mileage, etc.) at the beginning of their reign. The candidate chosen as Attendant will receive a monetary scholarship/stipend of \$500 From the Oconto County Youth Fair Board after successfully completing the one-year term. The Attendant will also receive a \$300 expense allowance.
15. The Oconto County Fairest Committee/Fair Board reserves the right to ask the Fairest/Fair Ambassador representatives to step down from their position if their behavior and actions do not portray a positive image for the Oconto County Youth Fair and the county's youth.

Registration deadline for entries is April 1, 2025. The Fairest competition will be held on May 4 at Gillett High School. A mandatory orientation workshop will be held on Sunday, April 27, in the Fairgrounds Expo Building. Specific information will be shared with contestants at a later date. The selection process will be reviewed and candidates will receive guidance in preparing for the competition.

Questions regarding this competition should be directed to Becky Dickson, Fairest Coordinator, at ocontocountyfairestcommittee@gmail.com.

Contestant Statement:

I (name) _____ understand the above rules and will follow them as a 2025 Oconto County Fairest of the Fair/Fair Ambassador contestant. If I become the 2025 Oconto County Fairest of the Fair/Fair Ambassador or Attendant, I will abide by these rules. If I do not abide by these rules, I understand that I may be removed from my position.

Signature

Date

Parent Statement:

I (name) _____ understand that my child is expected to follow the above rules as a contestant for the position of 2025 Oconto County Fairest of the Fair/Fair Ambassador. I agree to help ensure that my child abides by the above stated rules if he/she is awarded the position of Fairest of the Fair/Fair Ambassador or Attendant.

Signature

Date