

# WSDA is recruiting for an engaging person to fill a vacancy on the Washington State Fairs Commission.

This vacancy is for a western-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 or more 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 Washington State Fairs Association convention, and performing other duties that may be required by the Director.

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

To avoid conflict of interest or the perception of a conflict of interest, Fairs Commissioners must remain impartial and cannot serve in any fair role beyond that of a general patron.

Fairs Commissioners are entitled to compensation in accordance with RCW 43.03.240.

**If you would like to apply to be a Fairs Commissioner, please send a resume and letter of interest to [fairs@agr.wa.gov](mailto:fairs@agr.wa.gov) no later than December 31, 2025.** If you have any questions, please reach out to Anne Almonte at [fairs@agr.wa.gov](mailto:fairs@agr.wa.gov).

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## 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.*

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



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