



YOUTH AWARDS AND CONTESTS

GENEVIEVE A CLARK MEMORIAL HOMEMAKER AWARD

Premium: \$25.00

This award will be given to the individual who demonstrated the greatest overall proficiency in these areas: Sewing (any section of Departments 111, 113 and section 3 of Department 114), cooking, gardening, arts and crafts and child development. In order to be eligible for this award, youth must submit one entry in each of at least three of the above mentioned categories. Please indicate on your list of entries that you wish to be considered for the award.

YOUTH CHARACTER AWARD

The recipient of this award will be a youth age 5-19 who exhibits the following behaviors and character traits while participating at the 2026 Oswego County Fair:

1. Exemplary Exhibitor Conduct: dedicated to showcasing his or her own exhibits to the best of his/her ability, especially as it pertains to cleanliness and appropriate animal husbandry.
2. ProActive Leadership: Willing to go above and beyond to help fellow exhibitors succeed, especially by assisting younger and less experienced exhibitors with their projects; devoting energy toward ensuring that the Oswego County Fair is a positive and educational experience for fairgoers of all ages (for example: creates educational displays, volunteers to participate in the Ask Me program or the knowledge scavenger hunt, serves as a Junior Superintendent, etc.)
3. Impeccable Sportsmanship: Portraying a positive attitude toward fellow competitors, as well as toward project animals, evaluators, fair leadership and fair visitors.
4. Positive Attitude: Actively contributing to the positive experience of both exhibitors and fair visitors.
5. Character Role Model: Maintaining a positive approach to others in all circumstances.

HERDSMAN AWARD

Premium: \$25.00

This award will be given at the awards ceremony the last day of the fair. Herdsman's award is given to an individual/group of youth who take care of their animal(s) throughout the fair. This award will be awarded on the following basis: Exhibits in and completely arranged by 10:00 am on the first day of the fair. Animals and area are free of manure, clean, adequately bedded, evidence of adequate water and free from debris, pens/animals must be securely fastened, aisle kept raked and clean, all equipment (hay straw etc) must be neatly stacked or put away, area free from clutter, exhibitor should be neat and attractive appearance, with proper footwear for working in a barn, good sportsmanship is expected towards other exhibitors and those attending the fair, pens or bar space decorations are clean, neat, attractive and animal friendly. One award will be given per species, if so deemed.

N. LEWIS CLARK FIELD TO FIT - YOUTH DAIRY CATTLE FITTING CONTEST

July 1, 2026 at 3:00pm - Superintendent: Josh Kerrick, 315.766.7466

ELIGIBILITY - AGE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2026

- Junior Division: Ages 9-13
- Senior Division: Ages 14-18
- Must be Oswego County Fair Exhibitor

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Each participant must furnish one dairy heifer to be used. This can be any dairy animal entered in the Oswego County Fair Junior Dairy Show. While there are no age requirements on the animal, we suggest that the animal be at least a Junior Yearling.
- The animal must be clean and dry upon entering the ring for the contest
- While grooming chutes are not required, their use is encouraged; the fair will not supply grooming chutes.
- Each contestant must provide his or her own fitting equipment. No equipment will be supplied. It is recommended that contestants bring extra brushes, clipper blades, etc. No nose tongs will be allowed. All fitting equipment must be clean. All participants must wear rubber boots or work shoes.
- Youth must designate a youth assistant to restrain the animal. Holder is to be of same division and is not allowed to clip animal only the fitting contestant is allowed to clip the animal, e.g. Junior fitter holder can only help Junior fitter. Senior holders can only help senior fitter control and restrain their animal.
- No adult assistance or coaching is allowed
- Each individual will have 1 ½ hours to complete the clipping of their animal.
- For the Junior contest, each animal is required to have head and upper half of neck clipped before entering the ring for contest. The remaining part of the animal must be unclipped. Hooves should be trimmed as well.
- Any questions concerning rules and regulations should be directed to the show superintendent.
- The Superintendent will make the final decision.

SUPER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Superintendent: Kathy Jamerson, 315.341.8265

This contest is open to the winner of the master showmanship award from each species. Contestants will complete a written test and then participate in a skills (handling) activity with each species of animal. In order to participate in this contest you must supply your species of animal for the skills activity (i.e. if you are the dairy master showman you must supply the dairy cow). This award can only be won once. Subsequently the winners will be invited to participate as a youth judge.