

West Virginia Association of Fairs & Festivals

Purpose of the State Association

- To provide for a statewide organization which all West Virginia fairs and festivals and such other events may hold membership upon paying the designated membership dues.
- To be an Association through which general information relative to fairs and festivals can be communicated for the best interest of its membership and the fair and festival audience.
- To provide for an annual convention.
- To provide a queens' pageant consisting of a set of rules for participation, judging and staging of the pageant. The winner will be crowned the WV Association of Fairs & Festivals Queen for the year then current. ***A FAIR OR FESTIVAL MEMBER NOT PAID POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1st, OF THE CURRENT YEAR WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO REGISTER A QUEEN FOR THE COMPETITION. AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER NOT PAID BY THE SEPTEMBER 1st POSTMARKED DATE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO SHOWCASE. A FAIR OR FESTIVAL SENDING A QUEEN TO THE PAGEANT MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE REGISTERED DELEGATE FROM THE FAIR OR FESTIVAL AND THE PAGEANT DIRECTOR OR A DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE MUST ATTEND ANY MANDATORY TRAINING MEETINGS SCHEDULED BY THE WVAFF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE STATE PAGEANT DIRECTOR. AN EVENT FAILING TO ABIDE BY THE ASSOCIATION RULES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER A QUEEN REPRESENTATIVE IN THE STATE PAGEANT. (AT THE DISCRETION OF THE WVAFF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, A NEW EVENT OR AN EVENT NOT SENDING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE STATE PAGEANT OF THE CURRENT YEAR MAY BE EXEMPT FROM THE MANDATORY MEETING BY REVIEWING A VIDEO TAPE OF THE PAST MEETING.***
- To bring commercial firms to the annual convention for exhibits, entertainment showcasing, and such other reasons as would benefit the member Fair and Festival representatives as well as Associate Member representatives.
- To bring before the membership new ideas, new methods, and any new or proposed laws or regulations affecting the operation of Fairs & Festivals in West Virginia.

Associate Membership Application

A Business or Association is eligible for membership in this Association upon payment of annual dues. The condition of membership for current members is for payment of annual dues by April 1st of the current fiscal year, as the fiscal year ends on March 31st. **If a renewal membership is paid after May 1st of the current fiscal year, the cost increases to \$135 for Associate Business Members** to rejoin or set out for a year. To showcase at the annual convention an Associate Member must have a Trade Show Booth. **(A new member would pay \$95 regardless of when they join).**

Fair/Festival Membership Application

A West Virginia Fair or Festival shall be eligible for membership in this State Association if they hold an actual event with scheduled activities each year. ***"A Fair or Festival must be an organized entity operating through a board or committee and have activities in addition to a queens pageant" to qualify as an event.*** The payment of the annual dues by April 1st of the current fiscal year, as the fiscal year ends on March 31st, will be the condition of membership. The Fair/Festival membership fee is \$75 if paid before May 1st of the current fiscal year. **If a renewal membership is paid after May 1st of the current fiscal year, the cost increases to \$115 for Fair and Festival Members.** (A new fair/festival member will pay the \$75 regardless of when they join the State Association).

Benefits

- Annual Convention with a trade show, showcase entertainment, queens pageant, workshops, business meetings, and networking opportunities.
- Printed calendar of events distributed from the promotional booth, welcome centers & toll free phone requests.
- E-newsletter
- Website listing