

The “Friends of Illinois County Fairs” program will continue for the 114th Annual IAFE convention to be held January 12-14, 2024. The IAAF “Friend of County Fair Award” program is sponsored by Jeff Blomsness of North American Midway Entertainment. Your fair may nominate an individual or individuals to be recognized at the 2024 IAAF Convention. A nominee must be a supporter in some manner of Illinois county fairs. They need not be an officer, a board member or a superintendent of your fair. However, they must be dedicated to the support, promotion, and innovative operation of a fair or fairs. This is a way to recognize the unsung stars of county fairs.

Does your fair have a dedicated volunteer or a community person who is a true county fair booster? Please consider nominating this person. A fair may submit more than one worthy candidate for consideration. However, only one person from any one fair may receive the award in 2024. Any unselected candidates will be reconsidered for 2025 without reapplying.

The candidate must not be deceased at the time of the nomination and must plan on attending the 2024 IAAF Convention Saturday morning breakfast.

If your fair would like to submit a worthy candidate for consideration, please do the following:

- ◆ Prepare a credentials letter describing why the individual is worthy of recognition.
- ◆ Please submit the enclosed form along with the attached credentials page, and up to 3 supporting documents that may include letters of recommendation, news releases, etc. The applications are due November 1, 2023.
- ◆ ***Note: This information is most necessary and must be included to properly recognize the selected recipients.***

Send to:
Ron Meyer
IAAF Director
652 W. End Dr
Manteno, IL 60950

Note: Please do not confuse this award with the “Illinois County Fair Person” Award presented by the Illinois Department of Agriculture at the State Fair County Fair Day. They are two different awards. The Illinois Department of Agriculture will send information about the “Illinois County Fair Person.”

2024 Friend of Illinois County Fair Nomination

Due no later than November 1, 2023

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ **Zip:** _____

Nominating Fair: _____

Will this candidate be attending the 2024 IAAF Convention in January? _____

Contact Person completing Nomination: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Signature of an officer of the nominating fair:

Signed _____ **Date:** _____

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Please list for press release purposes

Local Newspaper or Newspapers

Name of Paper:

Address:

Phone #:

Fax #:

Email:

Local Radio and TV Station or Stations

Name of Station:

Address:

Phone #:

Fax #:

Email:

