Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs

Rising Star Award

A person (40 years or younger) will be honored during the MAAF annual meeting.

Eligibility

Nominees shall be associated as an employee, volunteer, or a board member of a member fair in good standing with the MAAF

Nominees **shall not** have reached their **41st**. birthday prior to the first day of the MAAF's annual meeting.

Procedure

1. Nominations are due in the MAAF office by **January 1st.**
2. Nomination shall consist of the Official Nomination Form and answering the following four questions:
    a. How has the nominee gone above and beyond the call of duty for her or his fair or the fair community as a whole?
    b. What sets the nominee apart from other young people?
    c. Give an example of how the nominee has made a positive impact at a fair or on the fair community.
    d. What participation, involvement, or leadership roles has the nominee held at the fair or within the fair community?
3. The nomination shall be limited to the nomination form itself (2 pages) plus at a maximum three (3) pages of supporting documentation or additional information.
4. The person who is selected to receive the award will be notified to ensure attendance at the MAAF annual meeting. (Either in person or via video conference)

Judging will be done by a committee of five: The two previous Rising Star recipients and the MAAF President, an MAAF Director and Jr. Advisory Member, both selected by the President.

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OFFICAL 2026 NOMINATION FORM

This award is designed to recognize one person from our Fair Community (individual 40 years old or younger) who is deemed as a well-rounded outstanding individual. Nominations are due by January 1st. The award will be presented at the annual meeting.

Nominee's Name_____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ State_____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Name of Fair Associated with: _____

Fair Address: _____

Town/City: _____ State_____ Zip: _____

Fair Phone number: _____

1. How has the nominee gone above and beyond the call of duty for his or her fair or for the fair community as a whole?

2. What has set the nominee apart from other young fair participants?

3. Describe how this person has served as a role model for others in their community.

4. What participation, involvement, or leadership roles has the nominee held in the community as well as the fair community?

Name of Person Making the Nomination: _____

Name of Fair Associated with: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____State _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number and E-mail Address: _____

Return Official Application by January 1st. 2027 to: MAAF PO Box 3, Union, Me. 04862