



ALL VOLUNTEERS START HERE

[How to sign up online to volunteer at the 2026 Fair using Volunteer Local](#)

IMPORTANT NOTE: You may sign up yourself and up to four additional people as long as everyone is working the **EXACT SAME** shifts and locations. To sign up multiple people for the same shift(s), review the details on page 5. You will need each volunteer's first name, last name & email.

TWO WAYS TO ACCESS THE SIGN-UP PORTAL:

- 1) Go to www.BlueRibbonFoundation.org, select **Events** from the top menu and click **Iowa State Fair** in the drop-down menu. Find **Volunteer** below on the right and select **click here to sign up**.
- 2) Open the May issue of **The Buzz** volunteer eNewsletter, then scan or click on the **QR code** in the article about Fair volunteering.

Please start your sign-up process by filling in your **first name** and **email** in the boxes depicted below (this process works best if you use the same information submitted last year since we have saved your information).

A screenshot of a web page titled "2026 Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation Volunteers". The page has a dark blue header with the foundation's logo on the left and navigation links on the right. The main content area is white and contains the following text: "It's time to sign up to volunteer for the Blue Ribbon Foundation at the 2026 Iowa State Fair!", "Find the job, date and shift(s) that work for you.", "Questions? Please contact Brooklin at brooklin@blueribbonfoundation.org", and "Thank you!". Below this text is a light gray form with two input fields labeled "First name:" and "Email:". Two red arrows point to these fields. A "Submit" button is located to the right of the "Email:" field.

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FIRST-TIME VOLUNTEERS

You need to register - see page 3

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See page 3

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RETURNING VOLUNTEERS

If your name and email matches what you used in 2025, you will immediately see the sign-up page showing all available **jobs**, **dates** and **shifts** (shown below). If you don't see the sign-up page, try your nickname or a different email you may have used last year.

IOWA STATE FAIR BLUE RIBBON FOUNDATION 2026 Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon
August 13th - 23rd, 2026

It's time to sign up to volunteer for the Blue Ribbon Foundation at the 2026 Iowa State Fair. Find the job, date and shift(s) that work for you.

Questions? Please contact Brooklin at brooklin@blueribbonfoundation.org

Thank you!

Have you been given a password? Please enter it here:

Filter by name:

- Merchandise - Cattle Barn**
- Merchandise - Elwell Family Food Center
- Merchandise - Museum
- Merchandise - Service Center
- Merchandise - Varied Industries Building
- Water Booth - Cattle Barn
- Water Booth - Heritage Village

Merchandise - Cattle Barn

- + Thursday, August 13th
- + Friday, August 14th
- + Saturday, August 15th
- + Sunday, August 16th
- + Monday, August 17th
- + Tuesday, August 18th
- + Wednesday, August 19th
- + Thursday, August 20th
- + Friday, August 21st

Merchandise - Cattle Barn

- + Thursday, August 13th
 - 9:00am - 1:00pm
 - 1:00pm - 5:00pm
 - 5:00pm - 8:00pm
- + Friday, August 14th

If you need a refresher on how to sign up, visit the **SIGN UP FOR FAIR SHIFTS** section on page 3.

FIRST TIME VOLUNTEERS

Please fill in all boxes in the registration form. Fields with an *asterisk are required.

Please consider **opting in** to our **SMS (text) messaging** system (circled above). We will text information pertaining to Fair volunteering only. Click the **submit** button when complete.

Once you have completed your registration form, continue to the **SIGN UP FOR FAIR SHIFTS** section below.

SIGN UP FOR FAIR SHIFTS

- 1) Scroll down to find all volunteer locations and **click the arrow** to display available dates. This page is alpha sorted by job but you can also **sort by location or date**.
- 2) **Click the +** next to your preferred date to display available shifts.
- 3) Each shift has a **view description** box with information about each job.

- 4) On the far right, you can see **how many spots are available for each shift – see red arrow on the previous image.**
- 5) To sign up, **check the boxes** for each shift you want to fill.
- 6) Scroll down to complete the sign-up process.
- 7) Some jobs have specific requirements where a **password** (see previous image) is necessary. Use your password if you've been given one. Most of the time this box will not appear. Contact Brooklin with any questions.
- 8) If others are joining you for the **exact same shifts checked in this submission**, go to page 5 and follow the instructions for **GROUPS OF VOLUNTEERS.**
- 9) Now it's time to finish the submission. You must read through the **waiver** at the bottom of the page. Select if your registration is for an **adult or minor.**
 - a. For adults: To confirm you have read the waiver, **check the box** and type your full name in the **(sign here)** area. Then click **submit.**
 - b. For minors: Fill in the first name and email of a parent/guardian. Then click **submit.**

Waiver

Who is this registration for?

This registration is for an adult

This registration is for a minor

2026 Blue Ribbon Foundation Volunteer Release & Waiver of Liability

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY - THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT THAT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

The undersigned individual and, if applicable, guardian ("I" or the "Volunteer") execute this Release and Waiver of Liability ("Release") in favor of the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation ("Foundation"), a nonprofit corporation.

The Volunteer desires to work for the Foundation and engage in the Activities related to being a volunteer (the "Activities"). The Volunteer understands that the Activities may include selling...

CHECK HERE to show you ACCEPT THE TERMS stated above. See below for a separate waiver for a minor Volunteer for which you are the parent or legal guardian.

Enter your name here to serve as a digital signature: (SIGN HERE)

SUBMIT

The sign-up process is complete and successful if you receive BOTH of the following:

FIRST: A **Thank you!** confirmation message will be displayed on your screen right after completing the sign-up process.

If you don't see the message shown below, then something went wrong and you need to start over.

Thank you for signing up to volunteer for the Blue Ribbon Foundation at the Iowa State Fair!

SECOND: A confirmation email will land in your inbox and the inbox of any co-volunteers you signed up, confirming your volunteer shifts. Review and save it. If there is something you think is incorrect, contact Brooklin.

GROUPS OF VOLUNTEERS

If you have a group of **two to five volunteers** that want to work the **exact same shifts** and there are enough slots for everyone, we have an easier way to ensure you work together.

- 1) Make sure there are enough open spots for the group – **as circled below**.
- 2) One lead person must **click the box** for the date, location, and shift you want to fill.
- 3) Scroll down to the bottom, click the **+ add** button (see image below) and fill in the next person's email address, first name, and last name. Click **submit** once done.

PLEASE don't use your own email address for additional volunteers as this complicates the process.

Repeat this process for each person being added to the **exact same shift(s)**.

You may only register up to 5 volunteers at a time

+ Sunday, August 23rd

9:00am - 1:00pm 2 SPOTS LEFT
view description

1:00pm - 5:00pm 2 SPOTS LEFT
view description

Is anyone joining you?

Additional Volunteer #1

Email * Use my email

First Name *

Last Name *

After you've added all volunteers, you must read through the **waiver** at the bottom of the page.

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You will receive a confirmation email as shown below.

Hello Brooklin,

Thank you for signing up to volunteer for the Blue Ribbon Foundation at the Iowa State Fair. We can't have a successful Fair without you!

Find confirmation of your job and shift information below. Please check the information carefully and let us know of any discrepancies. You can access your profile anytime by clicking here:

[Volunteer Profile Link](#)

If you signed up yourself AND additional volunteers in the exact same shifts, you will all receive this same confirmation email. The additional volunteers also will receive a separate email with instructions on how to complete their own registration.

In the coming weeks, if you need to cancel your Fair shift(s) for any reason, please let us know ASAP and make arrangements to return your admission ticket and parking pass for cancelled shift(s).

Questions and suggestions are encouraged at any time. Contact me at Brooklin@BlueRibbonFoundation.org or call 515-262-3111, ext. 370.

See you at the Iowa State Fair!

Brooklin Border
Development Manager

The additional volunteers will each receive an email (shown below), confirming the group volunteer shift(s) and asking them to review profile information and sign their waiver to complete their registration. They can do this by clicking the [Volunteer Profile Link](#). If they are a new volunteer, they need to register. Returning volunteers can use the [Volunteer Profile Link](#) to review their information and make any necessary updates.

Hello from the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation!

Someone has signed you up to volunteer. Your job and shift information are listed below but we need you to review your profile, complete the requested information (if not already completed) and sign your waiver to finalize the registration by clicking this link: [Volunteer Profile Link](#)

Merchandise - Cattle Barn
9:00AM-1:00PM on Thursday, August 13th, 2026

What to know: Volunteers at the Cattle Barn Merchandise booth will interact with customers to sell souvenir items and apparel to Fair visitors. Volunteers must be able to keep the booth clean, neat and stocked, interact comfortably with the public and operate a tablet-based cash register (training provided). While chairs are provided, this location does involve standing, bending and light lifting. While indoors, the building is not air conditioned though a fan is provided.

Let us know of any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the Iowa State Fair!

THANK YOU!

Brooklin Border

ACCESSING YOUR PROFILE

What if my address, T-shirt size or other personal information changed since last year's Fair?

VolunteerLocal has many ways to review and update your profile (address, phone number, emergency contact person, etc).

Look for any of these links: **volunteer profile link** or **review your profile** on the portal or in your confirmation email. You may also open it when you see **your profile** (shown below). Click the drop down arrow to update your personal information. Once finished, click **save information**.

Volunteer Registration

Drew Sniezek **Your Profile**

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*)

Email address:
drew@blueribbonfoundation.org

Today's Date
[Date Picker]

A valid date as MM/DD/YYYY (for example: 11/30/2015)

First Name*
Drew

Last Name*
Sniezek

Mailing Address - use USPS format*
[Address Field]

City*

Save Information

If you haven't signed your waiver, please do so here. Follow the directions, sign your name, and click **save information**.

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*)

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Enter your name here to serve as a digital signature:
[Signature Field]

Save Information [cancel]

Congratulations!

You have successfully signed up to volunteer for
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Thank you!