ASSOCIATION OF IOWA FAIRS

"BLUE RIBBON FAIRS"

In each District one fair is selected to receive this award each year. The fair must have shown progress in providing service to the 4-H & FFA programs and service to their community.

The selection is made by the Association's District Directors based on their visits to the fairs of their District and their knowledge of the progress made to the fair and its facilities.

1998 BLUE RIBBON FAIRS

District 1	Muscatine County Fair (SE)	West Liberty
District 2	Winneshiek County Fair (NE)	Decorah
District 3	Decatur County Fair (SC)	Leon
District 4	Fremont County Fair (SW)	Sidney
District 5	Webster County Fair (NC)	Fort Dodge

1999 BLUE RIBBON FAIRS

District 1	Johnson County 4-H & FFA Fair (SE)	Iowa City
District 2	Benton County Fair (NE)	Vinton
District 3	Poweshiek County 4-H & FFA Fair (SC)	Grinnell
District 4	Montgomery County Fair (SW)	Red Oak
District 5	Kossuth County Fair (NC)	Algona

2000 BLUE RIBBON FAIRS

District 1	Mississippi Valley Fair (SE)	Davenport
District 2	Worth County Fair (NC)	Northwood
District 3	Appanoose County Fair (SC)	Centerville
District 4	Guthrie County Fair (SW)	Guthrie Center
District 5	Plymouth County Fair (NW)	Le Mars

Northwest District	Sac County Fair	Sac City
North Central District	Hamilton County Fair	Webster City
Northeast District	Mighty Howard County Fair	Cresco
Southwest District	Shelby County Fair	Harlan
South Central District	Lucas County 4-H Achievement Show	Chariton
Southeast District	Jefferson County Fair	Fairfield

Northwest District	Clay County Fair	Spencer
North Central District	Mitchell County Fair	Osage
Northeast District	Delaware County Fair	Manchester
Southwest District	Mills County Fair	Malvern
South Central District	Wayne County Fair	Corydon
Southeast District	Des Moines County Fair	Burlington

2003 BLUE RIBBON FAIRS

Northwest District	Emmet County Agricultural Show	Estherville
North Central District	Humboldt County Fair	Humboldt
Northeast District	Dubuque County Fair	Dubuque
Southwest District	Adair County Fair	Greenfield
South Central District	Union County Fair	Afton
Southeast District	Keokuk County Expo	Sigourney

2004 BLUE RIBBON FAIRS

Northwest District	Lyon County Fair	Rock Rapids
North Central District	Hancock County Fair	Britt
Northeast District	Bremer County Fair	Waverly
Southwest District	Audubon County Fair	Audubon
South Central District	Iowa State Fair	Des Moines
Southeast District	Lee County Fair	Donnellson

Northwest District	Woodbury County Fair	Moville
North Central District	Tama County Fair	Gladbrook
Northeast District	Buchanan County Fair	Independence
Southwest District	Cass County Fair	Atlantic
South Central District	Ringgold County Fair	Mount Ayr
Southeast District	Cedar County Fair	Tipton

Northwest District	Palo Alto County Fair	Emmetsburg
North Central District	Butler County Fair	Allison
Northeast District	Chickasaw Big Four Fair	Nashua
Southwest District	Carroll County Fair	Coon Rapids
South Central District	Madison County Fair	Winterset
Southeast District	Louisa County Fair	Columbus Junction

2007 BLUE RIBBON FAIRS

Northwest District	O'Brien County Fair	Primghar
North Central District	Wright County Fair	Eagle Grove
Northeast District	Linn County Fair	Central City
Southwest District	Taylor County Fair	Bedford
South Central District	Marion County Fair	Knoxville
Southeast District	Iowa County Fair	Marengo

2008 BLUE RIBBON FAIRS

Northwest District	Calhoun County Fair	Rockwell City
North Central District	Winnebago County Fair	Thompson
Northeast District	Allamakee County Fair	Waukon
Southwest District	Harrison County Fair	Missouri Valley
South Central District	Dallas County Fair	Adel
Southeast District	Washington County Fair	Washington

Northwest District	Dickinson County Fair	Spirit Lake
North Central District	Boone County Fair	Boone
Northeast District	Fayette County Fair	West Union
Southwest District	Page County Fair	Clarinda
South Central District	Monroe County Fair	Albia
Southeast District	Clinton County Fair	DeWitt

Northwest District	Marcus Community Fair	Marcus
North Central District	Hardin County Fair	Eldora
Northeast District	Clayton County Fair	National
Southwest District	Greene County Fair	Jefferson
South Central District	Southern Iowa Fair	Oskaloosa
Southeast District	Wapello County Regional Fair	Eldon

2011 BLUE RIBBON FAIRS

Northwest District	Cherokee County Fair	Cherokee
North Central District	Central Iowa Fair	Marshalltown
Northeast District	Benton County Fair	Vinton
Southwest District	Westfair	Council Bluffs
South Central District	Warren County Fair	Indianola
Southeast District	Davis County Fair	Bloomfield

2012 BLUE RIBBON FAIRS

Northwest District	Osceola County Fair	Sibley
North Central District	Floyd County Fair	Charles City
Northeast District	Black Hawk 4-H/FFA County Fair	Waterloo
Southwest District	Crawford County Fair	Denison
South Central District	Jasper County Fair	Colfax
Southeast District	Henry County Fair	Mt. Pleasant

Northwest District	Ida County Fair	Ida Grove
North Central District	Story County Fair	Nevada
Northeast District	Great Jones County Fair	Monticello
Southwest District	Adams County Fair	Corning
South Central District	Clarke County Fair	Osceola
Southeast District	Van Buren County Fair	Keosauqua

Northwest District	Sioux County Fair	Sioux Center
North Central District	Grundy County Fair	Grundy Center
Northeast District	Delaware County Fair	Manchester
Southwest District	Monona County Fair	Onawa
South Central District	Appanoose County Fair	Centerville
Southeast District	Johnson County Fair	Iowa City

2015 BLUE RIBBON FAIRS

Northwest District	Clay County Fair	Spencer
North Central District	Kossuth County Fair	Algona
Northeast District	Jackson County Fair	Maquoketa
Southwest District	Shelby County Fair	Harlan
South Central District	Polk County 4-H & FFA Fair	Des Moines
Southeast District	Cedar County Fair	Tipton

2016 BLUE RIBBON FAIRS

Northwest District	Plymouth County Fair	Le Mars
North Central District	Franklin County Fair	Hampton
Northeast District	Mighty Howard County Fair	Cresco
Southwest District	Montgomery County Fair	Red Oak
South Central District	Lucas County Fair	Chariton
Southeast District	Mississippi Valley Fair	Davenport

Northwest District	Sac County Fair	Sac City
North Central District	Worth County Fair	Northwood
Northeast District	National Cattle Congress	Waterloo
Southwest District	Adair County Fair	Greenfield
South Central District	Madison County Fair	Winterset
Southeast District	Lee County Fair	Donnellson

Northwest District	Emmet County Fair	Estherville
North Central District	North Iowa Fair	Mason City
Northeast District	Wyoming Fair	Wyoming
Southwest District	Pottawattamie County Fair	Avoca
South Central District	Poweshiek County Fair	Grinnell
Southeast District	Muscatine County Fair	West Liberty

2019 BLUE RIBBON FAIRS

Northwest District	Pocahontas County Fair	Pocahontas
North Central District	Hancock County District Fair	Britt
Northeast District	Allamakee Big Four Fair	Postville
Southwest District	Cass County Fair	Atlantic
South Central District	Wayne County Fair	Corydon
Southeast District	Clinton County Fair	De Witt

No Fairs was selected in 2020 due to Covid-19 Pandemic

2021 BLUE RIBBON FAIRS

Northwest District	Buena Vista County Fair	Alta
North Central District	Mitchell County Fair	Osage
Northeast District	Dubuque County Fair	Dubuque
Southwest District	Mills County Fair	Malvern
South Central District	Decatur County Fair	Leon
Southeast District	Washington County Fair	Washington

Northwest District	Woodbury County Fair	Moville
North Central District	Webster County Fair	Fort Dodge
Northeast District	Winneshiek County Fair	Decorah
Southwest District	Guthrie County Fair	Guthrie Center
South Central District	Dallas County Fair	Adel
Southeast District	Keokuk County Fair	What Cheer

Northwest District	Lyon County Fair	Rock Rapids
North Central District	Hamilton County Fair	Webster City
Northeast District	Linn County Fair	Central City
Southwest District	Carroll County Fair	Coon Rapids
South Central District	Southern Iowa Fair	Oskaloosa
Southeast District	Jefferson County Fair	Fairfield

Northwest District	O'Brien County Fair	Primghar
North Central District	Butler County Fair	Allison
Northeast District	Clayton County Fair	National
Southwest District	Audubon County Fair	Audubon
South Central District	Monroe County Fair	Albia
Southeast District	Des Moines County Fair	West Burlington

ASSOCIATION OF IOWA FAIRS OUTSTANDING MEMBER RECOGNITION

	LEO OVERLAND MEMORIAL SHOWMAN OF THE YEAR			
YEAR	MEMBER	CITY/STATE	CONTACT	
1998	Blue's Amusements	Climbing Hill, IA	Sally Kennedy	
1999	Hillbilly Bob	Dysart, IA	Bob Hill	
2000	Jocko & the J's	Cedar Falls, IA	Jim & Jan Williamson	
2001	Iowa Tractor Pullers Assn.	Humboldt, IA	Bert Kirchoff, Secr.	
2002	Fred Fenchel Agency	Mason City IA	Fred & Ila Mae Fenchel	
2002	Variety Attractions	Zanesville, OH	George Moffet	
2002	Smith's Amusements	Stratford, IA	Steve & Vicki Smith	
2003	Smith's Concessions	Stratford, IA	Chad & Liz Smith	
2004	McDermott Family Shows	Anthon, IA	Dean McDermott	
2005	Staats Custom Awards	Mt Pleasant, IA	Andy Zinkle	
2006	Dean Short Talent Agency	Omaha, NE	Dean Short	
2007	J & M Displays	Yarmouth, IA	James Oetken	
2007	Flashing Thunder Fireworks	Mitchell, IA	Jerome & Jeremy Mostek	
2008	Bobby Baker Enterprises	Des Moines, IA	Bobby Baker	
2009	Triangle Talent	Louisville, KY	Mark Sparks	
2010	G.L. Berg & Associates	Menomonie, WI	Tim Stevens	
2011	Log Hoggers Chainsaw Carvers	Quincy, IL	RD Conrod	
2012	Superior Equipment	Clarence, IA	Shawn Exum	
2013	Campbell's Concessions	Des Moines, IA	Eric Campbell	
2014	D & B Shows	Lone Tree, IA	Dave & Bonnie Tripses	
2015	Hendrick's Sound Service	Fairfield, IA	Jerry Hendricks	
2016	Horizon Talent Agent	Hopkins, MN	Pam Bradford	
2017	Hypnosis & More Stage Shows	West Des Moines, IA	Ray Thompson	
2018	All American Lumberjack Shows	Stillwater, MN	Jim Fischer	
2019	RW Sound	Iowa Falls, IA	Bob Weikert	
2020	Gregory Talent & Productions	Nashville, TN	Liz Gregory	
2021	Rondini Magic & Hypnosis Shows	Appleton, WI	Ron Lindberg	
2022	Stagewest Entertainment	Lowry City, MO	Delisa Dawn Spurgeon	
2023	Wright Rodeo	Lucas, IA	Barry Wright	
2024	Scott Amusements	Pilot Mount, IA	Robert & Russell Scott	

ASSOCIATION OF IOWA FAIRS

OUTSTANDING MEMBER RECOGNITION

FAIRMAN OF THE YEAR			
YEAR	NAME	CITY	FAIR
1998	Marion & Fran Lucas	Des Moines	Iowa State Fair
1999	Roland Jensen	Greenfield	Adair County Fair
2000	Arlette & Glen Hollister	Des Moines	Polk County Fair
2001	Don Cain	Delmar	Clinton County Fair
2002	Leroy Perkins	Corydon	Wayne County Fair
2003	Andy & Pat Anderson	Monticello	Great Jones County Fair
2004	Don Greiman	Garner	Iowa State Fair
2004	Max Frazier	Boone	Boone County Fair
2005	Gary Slater	Des Moines	Iowa State Fair
2006	John Harms	Monticello	Great Jones County Fair
2007	Roger Ahrenholtz	Harlan	Shelby County Fair
2008	Lynn Dunn (Posthumously)	Marion	Linn County Fair
2009	Don Konopasek	Le Mars	Plymouth County Fair
2010	Lawrence Peterson	Corning	Adams County Fair
2011	C.W. Thomas	Guthrie Center	Guthrie County Fair
2012	Doug Hawn	Jefferson	Greene County Fair
2013	Larry McConnell	Indianola	Warren County Fair
2014	Bob Schlutz	Columbus Junction	Louisa County Fair
2015	Richard Workman	Keosauqua	Van Buren County Fair
2016	Bob Fox	Davenport	Mississippi Valley Fair
2017	Burton Prunty	Corydon	Wayne County Fair
2018	Jim Mohr	Coon Rapids	Carroll County Fair
2019	Kathy Bozwell	Corning	Adams County Fair
2020	Jo Reynolds	Indianola	Warren County Fair
2021	Joe Yedlik	Walker	Great Jones County Fair
2022	Jeremy Parsons	Spencer	Clay County Fair
2023	Tricia Rosendahl	Eagle Grove	Wright County Fair
2024	Jennifer Dunn	Central City	Linn County Fair

ASSOCIATION OF IOWA FAIRS HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

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CHARTER MEMBERS – INDUCTED 1989		
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation	
John Cory	Clay County Fair	
L. B. Cunningham	Iowa State Fair	
Joe Deeney	Allamakee County Fair	
Lloyd "Frosty" De Frost	Muscatine County Fair	
Tom & Hazel Drake	Drake - Jackson Agency	
Harry Duncan	Louisa County Fair	
Carl Eckland	Union County Fair	
Bill Evans	Evans United Shows	
Lyle Hall	Wapello County Fair	
Bob Hammond	Bob Hammond Shows	
Carl Hirsh	Warren County Fair	
Jerry & Peg Lonnecker	Associate	
Henry McCleary	Jefferson County Fair	
C.J. "Fats" Mathesson	Jones County Fair	
Tom Mickelson	Humboldt County Fair	
Otis Nelson	Humboldt County Fair	
Leo Overland	Associate – Promoter	
Mavis Partlow	Association of Iowa Fairs	
Delbert Perley	Audubon County Fair	
Gerald Prince	Guthrie County Fair	
Wilbert Rossman	Shelby County Fair	
Jake Ruhs	Audubon County Fair	
Edythe Satterlee	Delaware County Fair	
J. W. Triggs	Ringgold County Fair	
W. P. "Bill" Woods	Clay County Fair	

1990 INDUCTEES		
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation	
John Hossle	Montgomery County Fair	
Willard Merryman	Marshall County Fair	
Bernard Thomas	Thomas Carnival Inc.	
Howard Waters	Des Moines County Fair	
Clem Welsh	Dubuque County Fair	

1991 INDUCTEES		
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation	
Leon R. Brown	Winneshiek County Fair	
Bill Partlow	Association of Iowa Fairs	
Sam Rhatigen	Jones County Fair	
Bill Riley	Iowa State Fair	
Farrell "F.D." Smylie	Louisa County Fair	

1992 INDUCTEES		
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation	
Ken Fulk	Iowa State Fair	
Jean Kleve	Humboldt County Fair	
Harry "Hap" Peebles	Hap Peebles Agency	
Carl Roby	Appanoose County Fair	
Jim Rutt	Louisa County Fair	

1993 INDUCTEES		
Inductee Fair or Affiliation		
Fremont Issac	Johnson County Fair	
Myles Johnson	Clay County Fair	
Berl Preibe	Kossuth County Fair	
Chet Salter	Scott County Fair	
Merritt Triggs	Ringgold County Fair	

1994 INDUCTEES	
Inductee Fair or Affiliation	
Gerald Munns	Lyon County Fair
Ruth Smith	Muscatine County Fair

1995 INDUCTEES	
Inductee Fair or Affiliation	
Jim Yunglas	Dickinson County Fair
Elmer Thomas	Louisa County Fair

1996 INDUCTEES		
Inductee Fair or Affiliation		
Virginia Bothe	Webster County Fair	
Dwaine Long	Montgomery County Fair	

1997 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Gary Svenson	Winneshiek County Fair

1998 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Glenn Fritz	Des Moines County Fair

2000 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Merlyn "Bud" Kruse	O'Brien County Fair
Arnold "Shorty" Lutjens	Osceola County Fair

2001 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Mike Orris	Washington County Fair
John Appel	Lyon County Fair

2002 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Ed Ahrenson	Audubon County Fair

2003 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Joan Saltel	Buddy Lee Attractions

2004 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Bobby Baker	Bobby Baker Entertainment
Paul Luebbers	Butler County Fair

2006 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Richard Bradley	Dubuque County Fair
Clem Smith	Smith's Amusements
Tom & Sue Barnes	Association of Iowa Fairs & Mighty Howard County Fair

2007 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Richard Frye	Buchanan County Fair
Fred & Ila Mae Fenchel	Fred T. Fenchel Entertainment Agency

2008 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Everett Amis	Clay County Fair

2009 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Tom & Nancy Evans	Evans United Shows
Subby Anzaldo	Anzaldo Entertainment Agency

2010 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Joie Chitwood	Joie Chitwood Thrill Show

2011 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
John Droste	Bremer County Fair
Gene Pitzen	Mitchell County Fair
Don Greiman	North Iowa Fair/Iowa State Fair

2012 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Leroy Perkins	Wayne County Fair
Curtis Sebolt	Appanoose County Fair
Dean Short	Dean Short Talent Agency

2013 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Don Beckman	Des Moines County Fair
Dave Huinker	Iowa State Fair

2014 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Kenny & Elaine Hinsch	Lyon County Fair
Edna Schrandt	Winneshiek County Fair
George Moffett	Variety Attractions

2015 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Mary Esther Pullin	Black Hawk County 4-H & FFA Fair
Ron Pullin	National Cattle Congress

2016 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Roger Ahrenholtz	Shelby County Fair
Shirley & Gene Newell	Mississippi Valley Fair

2017 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Glen & Arlette Hollister	Polk County 4-H & FFA Fair

2018 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Steve & Vicki Smith	Smith's Amusements
Paul Vaassen	Dubuque County Fair/Iowa State Fair

2019 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Jerry & Bev Sloan	Wapello Regional Fair
Harlan & Bertha Lammers	Sioux County Fair

2020 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Richard Smith	Muscatine County Fair
Ronnie VanAuken	Louisa County Fair

2021 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Gary Willie	Clayton County Fair
Dave Hoffman	Plymouth County Fair

2022 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Dr. Keith Miller	Ringgold County Fair
Daryl Biechler	Dubuque County Fair

2023 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Jim Sloan	Wapello County Fair

2024 INDUCTEES	
Inductee	Fair or Affiliation
Dean McDermott & Family	McDermott Family Shows