



PUZZLE QUALIFIER

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH, 2026

Registration Form

We invite you to compete to qualify for the 2026 Nebraska State Fair Puzzle Championships! This year at the Nebraska State Fair, we will have two sectors of our puzzle contest, with one being open (anyone can enter), and the other being championship, which means competitors will have to qualify for the competition.

We will be hosting our own competition that will give qualification to the top three winners on **May 9th, 2026 at 6:00 pm** (registration form is below) in Grand Island, and the top three winners will be awarded qualification to the Nebraska State Fair Puzzle Competition Championship along with commemorative trophies, but there are several competitions around the state that are also awarding qualification to their top three winners. Those competitions and their dates can be found on the State Fair website.

Our competition is an identical 500-piece puzzle with up to four members per team, and the rules can be found below in the registration form. Registration is **\$60 per team** (\$63 with card) for the May Qualifier. **Teams must register before May 1st, 2026 in order to compete.** Pre-registration is required, no walkup registrations will be permitted. We will provide light snacks and will have a bar at this qualification competition as well. We can't wait to see you there!

Team Name: _____

*Note that team names must be professional and appropriate. Use of profanity or other language deemed inappropriate by the NSF will result in the denial of a team's participation.

Contact Name: _____

Name(s) of other
team member(s) _____

(if applicable): _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Payment may be made via check, cash, or card. For card payments, please contact (308) 382-1685.

Please make checks payable to the Nebraska State Fair.

Mail form and payment to:

Lindsey Foushee, Events & Entertainment Manager
Nebraska State Fair, P.O. Box 1387, Grand Island, NE 68802

For more information, call (308) 382-1685 or email lfoushee@statefair.org



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CONTEST RULES

Please read the contest rules below:

- The 2026 Nebraska State Fair Puzzle Contest is comprised of multiple competing teams of 1-4 members. No more than 4 members on a team are allowed.
- Event spectators must remain away from the competition tables and are prohibited from assisting in any way. Any spectators engaging in distracting behavior may be asked to leave.
- Each team has been assigned a table. They may only assemble the puzzle on this table, keeping their assigned table number visible to judges at all times.
- Teams may not approach another table, study another team's puzzle, or distract other teams in any way. Teams will be given a verbal warning after one violation of this rule. After a second violation, the Nebraska State Fair reserves the right to disqualify a team.
- Teams may not use cell phones while completing their puzzles. Headphones are permitted as long as their use does not distract other teams.
- If a team has pieces missing at the end of the puzzle, 10 seconds for each piece will be added to their time, unless the final piece appears within 10 seconds of searching.
- Puzzle tools such as spatulas, sorting trays, and other useful tools are allowed as long as tools are not distracting to other teams
- Self timers are not permitted, we will have a timer to keep track of your time.

I hereby certify that I have read and agree to the above information. The person executing this Agreement on Act's behalf warrants his/her authority to do so and is of legal age.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____