

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT



JERRY SHEARS

- **How many years have you been a volunteer?**

I have been a volunteer for 15 years. Every year since the state fair moved to Grand Island.

- **What is your favorite volunteer position?**

I like being a greeter whether it be at the gates, the barns or at events. Wherever I can help people find their way.

- **Why do you volunteer?**

I really enjoy helping people find what they are looking for, guiding them so that they won't miss out on what they came to see and so they aren't late for an event to start.

- **What is the best fair food?**

My favorite fair food is the Pineapple Whip.

- **What are you most excited about for the 2026 State Fair?**

I'm always excited to see and be a part of something new each year. For me personally, I look forward to seeing the 4-H exhibits, rodeos, and draft horse pulls.

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP NOW OPEN!

It's official! The 2026 volunteer opportunities are now OPEN!

With so many exciting ways to get involved, there's truly something for everyone. Whether you're a first-timer or a seasoned volunteer, we'd love to have you back making the magic happen!

Sign up today at www.statefairvolunteer.org or give Haley a call at 308-385-3955. We can't wait to see you in action this year!

POSTER CONTEST

Get ready to show off your creativity with our Fair-iffic Poster Contest! The Nebraska State Fair is calling on artists across the state to design the official 2026 fair poster, celebrating community, creativity, and America's 250th anniversary. With a patriotic theme encouraged and a chance to have your artwork featured far and wide, this is your moment to shine. Be sure to submit your original design by May 15, 2026. We can't wait to see your masterpiece! For more information, please visit statefair.org under the Competitive Exhibits tab.

THANK YOU!

Last month, we had a great time celebrating all things volunteer at the 2026 Volunteer Appreciation Banquet! With plenty of food, friends, and FAIR spirit in the room, it was a night to remember. We proudly recognized 135 volunteers for reaching new milestones, an incredible achievement. Thank you to everyone who joined us!