



COUNTRY LINE DANCE NOVELTY DANCE IN
 FOLK DANCE TRADITIONAL FREE-STYLE CLOG
 CLOGGING TRADITIONAL SMOOTH CLOGGING LINE CLOGG
 INSTRUMENTAL SOLO GROUP INSTRUMENTAL GROUP VOCALS

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 Years



The Folk Festival was established in 1948 to preserve and promote the music and dance of North Carolina's early years and to provide wholesome entertainment for visitors to the NC State Fair.

- Registration deadline Friday, September 15, 2023.
- Pre-registration is required.
- Social security numbers are required for prize money to be awarded.
- NC Substitute W-9 forms are required for prize money to be awarded.
- Submit questions to: ncsfCompetitions@ncagr.gov
- The Folk Festival will be held in a large tent near Heritage Circle.
- Register early to secure your spot in the schedule.
- Competition is open to residents of the United State of America.
- The right is reserved to reject entries.
- General Rules and Regulations of the Fair will govern this department. They can be found at the back of this chapter.

October 2023 Folk Festival Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				12 FAIR OPENS AT NOON	13 HERITAGE DANCE ONLY	14 HERITAGE DANCE ONLY
15 HERITAGE DANCE ONLY	16 HERITAGE DANCE ONLY	17 NOVELTY DANCE ONLY	18 NOVELTY DANCE ONLY	19 NOVELTY DANCE ONLY	20 NOVELTY DANCE ONLY	21 OPEN STAGE
22 OPEN STAGE AWARDS CEREMONY						

- **Heritage Dance** (Clogging) Divisions 104-110 with a live band: Friday - Monday
- **Novelty Dance** (Non-Clogging) Divisions 101-103: Tuesday - Friday
- **Music Categories** can choose any day from October 13 through October 20.
- **Open Stage** - any performer can return and perform again (not judged)
- **Folk Festival Awards Ceremony** - Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm.

FOLK FESTIVAL PRIZES

First Place, Second Place and Third Place ribbons will be awarded to each winning participant.

Best of Show Ribbons will be awarded in Youth (Classes 1-4) and Adult (Classes 5-6) in the following Categories: Contemporary Dance, Heritage Dance, Instrumental Music and Vocal Music.

The Annette Pulley Award, will be presented to an individual or group for outstanding talent, sportsmanship, audience appeal and continuing support of the Folk Festival. The performance being appropriate, entertaining and an enhancement for our Folk Festival shows.

The Bascom Lamar Lunsford Award, given in memory of the founder of the Festival, will be awarded by the judges to the group or individual whose musical performance best exemplifies the historical and entertainment purposes of the Festival.

The Curtis Lee Award, will be presented to an individual for an outstanding instrumental performance. Musical selections should be characteristic of the NC State Fair Folk Festival tradition.

NOVELTY & CONTEMPORARY DANCE CATEGORIES

Dancers, choose a day from Tuesday, October 17 through Friday, October 20

Either note it on your paper entry form or email your choice to NCSFCompetitions@ncagr.gov

DIVISION 101 - COUNTRY LINE DANCE

No clogging. Must use country-western music. Maximum time 8 minutes.

Class 1 – Ages 2-5

Class 2 – Ages 6-8

Class 3 – Ages 9-11

Class 4 – Ages 12-18

Class 5 – Ages 19-30

Class 6 – Ages 31 & up

DIVISION 102 - NOVELTY DANCE

Any style except clogging. Performance and costumes must be appropriate for a state fair audience. Maximum time 8 minutes.

Class 1 – Ages 2-5

Class 2 – Ages 6-8

Class 3 – Ages 9-11

Class 4 – Ages 12-18

Class 5 – Ages 19-30

Class 6 – Ages 31 & up

DIVISION 103 - INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE

Maximum time 8 minutes.

Class 1 – Ages 2-5

Class 2 – Ages 6-8

Class 3 – Ages 9-11

Class 4 – Ages 12-18

Class 5 – Ages 19-30

Class 6 – Ages 31 & up

Choose your first and second choice date to compete.

Placement in schedule is first come, first served. Register early to secure your spot.



HERITAGE DANCE CATEGORIES

Dancers, choose a day from Friday, October 13 through Monday, October 16

Either note it on your paper entry form or email your choice to NCSFCompetitions@ncagr.gov

DIVISION 104 - TRADITIONAL FREE-STYLE CLOGGING

Four or more couples dancing as a team using traditional figures.

Maximum time 8 minutes.

Class 1 – Ages 2-5

Class 2 – Ages 6-8

Class 3 – Ages 9-11

Class 4 – Ages 12-18

Class 5 – Ages 19-30

Class 6 – Ages 31 & up

DIVISION 105 - PRECISION CLOGGING

Four or more couples performing traditional figures as a team.

Maximum time 8 minutes.

Class 1 – Ages 2-5

Class 2 – Ages 6-8

Class 3 – Ages 9-11

Class 4 – Ages 12-18

Class 5 – Ages 19-30

Class 6 – Ages 31 & up

DIVISION 106 - TRADITIONAL SMOOTH DANCE

Four or more couples dancing as a team performing traditional figures as a team.

Maximum time 8 minutes.

Class 1 – Ages 2-5

Class 2 – Ages 6-8

Class 3 – Ages 9-11

Class 4 – Ages 12-18

Class 5 – Ages 19-30

Class 6 – Ages 31 & up

DIVISION 107 - MISCELLANEOUS CLOGGING ROUTINES

Anything that does not fall into other traditional clogging divisions. Maximum time 8 minutes

Class 1 – Ages 2-5

Class 2 – Ages 6-8

Class 3 – Ages 9-11

Class 4 – Ages 12-18

Class 5 – Ages 19-30

Class 6 – Ages 31 & up

DIVISION 108 - CLOGGING LINE

Four or more people standing line or formation line, no facing in same line, no personal contact. Maximum time 8 minutes

Class 1 – Ages 2-5

Class 2 – Ages 6-8

Class 3 – Ages 9-11

Class 4 – Ages 12-18

Class 5 – Ages 19-30

Class 6 – Ages 31 & up

DIVISION 109 - CLOGGING DUO/DUETS

Male/female couple, or 2 males, or 2 females dancing as partners – do not separate from partner. Join hands as much as possible. As a couple move into a 4-corner pattern. Bluegrass or country music is required. Maximum time 4 minutes

Class 1 – Ages 2-5

Class 2 – Ages 6-8

Class 3 – Ages 9-11

Class 4 – Ages 12-18

Class 5 – Ages 19-30

Class 6 – Ages 31 & up

DIVISION 110 - INDIVIDUAL CLOGGING Free-style.

Class 1 – Ages 2-5

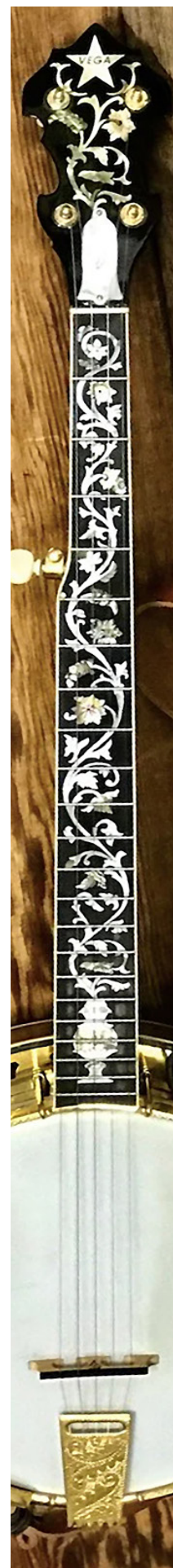
Class 2 – Ages 6-8

Class 3 – Ages 9-11

Class 4 – Ages 12-18

Class 5 – Ages 19-30

Class 6 – Ages 31 & up



MUSIC CATEGORIES

Musicians, choose a day from Friday, October 13 through Friday, October 20.

A house band will be on site and available to back you from the 13th until the 16th.

Either note it on your paper entry form or email your choice to NCSFCompetitions@ncagr.gov

DIVISION 111 - INSTRUMENTAL SOLO

Traditional music only. Maximum time 8 minutes.

1st Place: \$75, 2nd Place: \$50, 3rd Place: \$40

Class 1 – Ages 2-5

Class 2 – Ages 6-8

Class 3 – Ages 9-11

Class 4 – Ages 12-18

Class 5 – Ages 19-30

Class 6 – Ages 31 & up

DIVISION 112 - ADULT GROUP INSTRUMENTAL

Traditional music only. Maximum time 8 minutes.

1st Place: \$100, 2nd Place: \$75, 3rd Place: \$50

Class 1 – Ages 12-18

Class 2 – Ages 19-30

Class 3 – Ages 31 & up

DIVISION 113 - YOUTH GROUP INSTRUMENTAL

Traditional music. Maximum time 8 minutes.

1st Place: \$100, 2nd Place: \$75, 3rd Place: \$50

Class 1 – Ages 2-5

Class 2 – Ages 6-8

Class 3 – Ages 9-11

Class 4 – Ages 12-18

DIVISION 114 - VOCAL SOLO

Traditional music only. Maximum time 8 minutes.

1st Place: \$75, 2nd Place: \$50, 3rd Place: \$40

Class 1 – Ages 2-5

Class 2 – Ages 6-8

Class 3 – Ages 9-11

Class 4 – Ages 12-18

Class 5 – Ages 19-30

Class 6 – Ages 31 & up

DIVISION 115 - GROUP VOCALS (NON SCHOOL)

Traditional music only. Maximum time 8 minutes.

1st Place: \$100, 2nd Place: \$75, 3rd Place: \$50

Class 1 – Ages 9-11

Class 2 – Ages 12-18

Class 3 – Ages 19-30

Class 4 – Ages 31 & up

DIVISION 116 - SCHOOL VOCAL GROUP

Traditional music only. Maximum time 8 minutes.

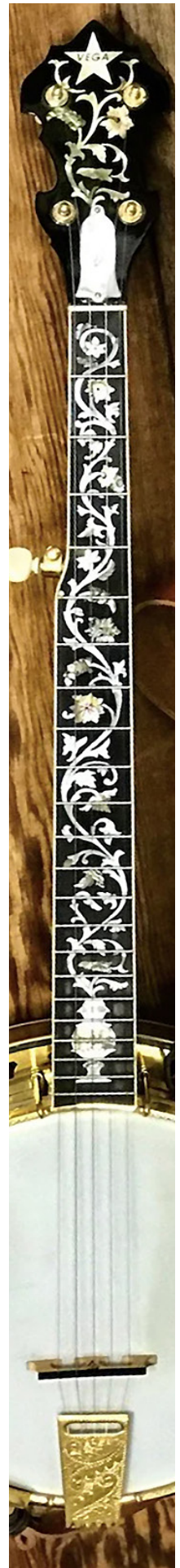
1st Place: \$100, 2nd Place: \$75, 3rd Place: \$50

Class 1 – Ages 2-5

Class 2 – Ages 6-8

Class 3 – Ages 9-11

Class 4 – Ages 12-18



CHOOSE YOUR DAY TO COMPETE

GATE TICKETS _____

HERITAGE DANCE (Clogging)

NOVELTY DANCE (Non-Clogging)

Friday 10/13 ____ AM PM Tuesday 10/17 ____ AM PM Saturday 10/14 ____ AM PM Wednesday 10/18 ____ AM PM Sunday 10/15 ____ AM PM Thursday 10/19 ____ AM PM Monday 10/16 ____ AM PM Friday 10/20 ____ AM PM

PARKING PASSES _____

Passes required at Lot C

No passes needed for Cardinal Lot

Flower Show lot for equipment drop off only

OPEN STAGE PARTICIPATION

_____ (Gate Tickets & Passes)

If you plan on performing in the **OPEN STAGE**, please describe your music/dance style: _____

Saturday 10/21 ____ AM PM Description _____Sunday 10/22 ____ AM PM Description _____

NC STATE FAIR ENTRY FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Exhibitor's Legal Name: _____

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name - as it appears on your social security card, driver's license or any government document

Exhibitor's Legal Address:

Street Address - R.F.D., PO Box or Apartment Number

City, State, Zip

County

E-mail address

Phone

_____/_____/_____
Birth Date

Exhibitor Social Security Number (*Music Acts only*): _____

- Exhibitors are allowed to register for competitions without disclosing their Social Security Number.
- Choosing NOT to disclose their SSN at the time of registration forfeits any and all prize money.
- Prizes such as ribbons, medals, rosettes and plaques will still be awarded.
- State Fair staff WILL NOT contact winning exhibitors following the fair who did not submit their SSN at the time of registration.
- State Fair staff WILL NOT accept any calls/emails/etc. from winning exhibitors who chose not to disclose their SSN.

IMPORTANT IRS INFORMATION: Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations require that we have the Social Security Number (SSN) or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) which corresponds to the name to whom the check for prize money is written. If we are notified by the IRS that the SSN or TIN does not match the name of record, we will have to backup withholding taxes and you may be subject to a \$50 penalty by the IRS. A separate form should be used for each SSN/TIN. You must provide this information to be eligible for prize money. Also IRS regulations state that any prize money totaling \$600 or more in a calendar year must be reported on a Form 1099.

Exhibitor Signature: _____

By signing this form you are agreeing to the terms and conditions concerning social security numbers and all state fair rules and regulations.

MAIL FORM TO: NC State Fair Entry Office 1010 Mail Service Center Raleigh NC 27699-1010

Email questions to: ncsfCompetitions@ncagr.gov

REGISTRATION TIPS

READ THE RULES before you fill out any entry registration form. There are Department Rules in the front of each chapter & General Rules for Exhibitors at the back.

The deadline to register your entries in a fair competition is **SEPTEMBER 15th.**

PEOPLE ENTERING ONLINE will need to email their date preferences and ticket requests to the office at: ncsfCompetitions@ncagr.gov
We need your choice of days to perform and if you plan on performing in the morning or afternoon or both.

NEW - SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS are required if you are entering in a Music category.

If you don't want to give your social security number write **DECLINE** in the space for social security numbers on the paper entry or write 999-99-9999 if you are registering online.

NEW - NC SUBSTITUTE W-9 FORMS are required if you want to receive prize money. This is in addition to your SSN. (MUSIC ONLY)

You must give your social security number and submit your NC Substitute W-9 form **WHEN YOU REGISTER.**

If you don't want to fill out a NC Substitute W-9 form, you should enter by paper entry form and mail it in by the deadline. You can still enter any fair competition, but you won't receive prize money. (Ribbons = Yes!)

Fillable Form Steps: Click the NC Substitute W-9 link; **DOWNLOAD** the file to your system; **NAME IT** your full name and save it; **CLOSE** the linked page; **OPEN** your saved file; **FILL IT OUT**, finally **UPLOAD IT** to Showworks when prompted. The fillable form will ask you for a digital signature. If you want to bypass this, print the form, fill it out manually, sign it, scan it, upload it or mail it in.

If you can't mail your form by September 15, bring it with you when you deliver your entries.

Use these tips when you fill out your NC Substitute W-9 form.

Understand that you cannot smudge or scratch out or otherwise correct mistakes on the form. If you need to, start over with a clean document.

The required fields are *1, *2, *4, *6, *8, *9, *12,*13, and section 2 at the bottom.

Most people will be entering as **INDIVIDUALS** and will use their Social Security Number as their tax ID.

You need to register with your full legal name - the way it is written on your SSN Card.

If you don't have your card, write your name the way it is written on your Driver's License or any other government document. You cannot use someone else's name, social security number or address. If your name, address or social security number has changed recently, you will need to fill out page 2 of the NC Substitute W-9 form.

Some will be entering as a **FARM or BUSINESS** and will use an EIN Number.

If you are using an EIN you must register using the name of the business.

You must use the address on record for that business.

You cannot mix and match names and addresses between personal & business.

If the information for the business has changed, you will need to fill out page 2 of the NC Substitute W-9 form and provide the old and the new information.

Some will be entering as an **Association, Group or School**.

You will need to use an EIN Number or Social Security Number (if that is how your home school is set up) and the address on record. You cannot mix and match names, addresses and EIN Numbers. If the name, address or tax ID number has changed recently you will need to fill out page 2 of the NC Substitute W-9 form.

If you are using a shared tax ID (where more than one group or address shares the same tax ID) like a 4-H Chapter or a school that is part of a public school association, you will need to include your information in the Remittance Address section (Number 7) on the right hand side of the form. You cannot have the prize money sent to your home address or a different school. Most county public school associations have pre-filled out and signed NC Substitute W-9 forms available from their headquarters. You will need to add your school's name and address to the document so that the prize check comes to you and not the county headquarters. Add it in the Remittance Address section (Number 7) on the right hand side, middle of the page.

USE THIS GUIDE WHEN FILLING OUT YOUR NC SUBSTITUTE W-9 FORM.

NC Office of the State Controller <small>IRS Form W-9 will not be accepted in lieu of this form</small> * Denotes a Required Field	STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTITUTE W-9 FORM Request for Taxpayer Identification Number	
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Section 1 - Taxpayer Identification	<p>*1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number (SSN), OR <input type="checkbox"/> Employer Identification Number (EIN), OR <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)</p> <p>*2. <i>Participant's Social Security Number</i></p>	<p>Please select the appropriate Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN, SSN, or ITIN) type and enter your 9-digit ID number. The U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number is being requested per U.S. Tax Law. Failure to provide this information in a timely manner could prevent or delay payment to you or require The State of NC to withhold 24% for backup withholding tax.</p>
<p>*4. Legal Name (as shown on your income tax return): <i>Participant's Name</i></p>	<p>3. Direct & Indirect Universal Numbering System (DUNS) (see instructions)</p>	
Contact Information		
<p>*6. Legal Address</p>	<p>7. Remittance Address (Location specifically used for payment that is different from Legal Address, if applicable)</p>	
<p>*Address Line 1: <i>Participant's Address</i></p>	<p>Address Line 1:</p>	
<p>Address Line 2:</p>	<p>Address Line 2:</p>	
<p>*City *State *Zip (9 digit) <i>City</i> <i>State</i> <i>Zip Code</i></p>	<p>City State Zip (9 digit)</p>	
<p>*County</p>	<p>County</p>	
<p>*E. Contact Name:</p>	<p><i>Participant's Name - or parent's name</i></p>	
<p>*9. Phone Number:</p>	<p><i>Phone number</i></p>	
<p>10. Fax Number:</p>		
<p>11. Email Address:</p>	<p><i>Email address</i></p>	
*12. Entity Type		
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole Proprietor/Single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C-Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S-Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/Estate <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C-C corporation, S-S corporation, P-Partnership) _____</p> <p><small>Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</small></p>		
<p>*13. Entity Classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Medical Services <input type="checkbox"/> Legal/Attorney Services <input type="checkbox"/> NC local Govt <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Govt <input type="checkbox"/> NC State Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Other Govt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <i>"Contest Winner"</i></p>		<p>14. Exemptions (see instructions)</p> <p>Exempt payee code (if any): Exception from FATCA reporting code (if any):</p>

Section 2 - Certification	<p>Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding because of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined later in general instructions), and The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct. <p><small>Certification instructions: Please refer to the IRS Form W-9 located on the IRS Website (https://www.irs.gov):</small></p> <p>*Printed Name: <i>Printed name</i> *Printed Title: <i>"Individual"</i></p> <p>*Authorized U.S. Signature: <i>Signature</i> *Date: <i>Date</i></p>
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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
SUBSTITUTE W-9 FORM
Request for Taxpayer Identification Number**




Section 1 – Taxpayer Identification

<p>*1. <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number (SSN), OR <input type="checkbox"/> Employer Identification Number (EIN), OR <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)</p> <p>*2.</p>	<p>Please select the appropriate Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN, SSN, or ITIN) type and enter your 9-digit ID number. The U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number is being requested per U.S. Tax Law. Failure to provide this information in a timely manner could prevent or delay payment to you or require The State of NC to withhold 24% for backup withholding tax.</p>
<p>*4. Legal Name (as shown on your income tax return):</p>	<p>3. Dunn & Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) (see instructions)</p>
<p>5. Business Name/DBA/Disregarded Entity Name, if different from Legal Name:</p>	
Contact Information	
<p>*6. Legal Address</p> <p>*Address Line 1:</p> <p>Address Line 2:</p> <p>*City *State *Zip (9 digit)</p> <p>*County</p>	<p>7. Remittance Address (Location specifically used for payment that is different from Legal Address, if applicable)</p> <p>Address Line 1:</p> <p>Address Line 2:</p> <p>City State Zip (9 digit)</p> <p>County</p>
<p>*8. Contact Name:</p> <p>*9. Phone Number:</p> <p>10. Fax Number:</p> <p>11. Email Address:</p>	

Section 2 - Certification

<p align="center">*12. Entity Type</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole Proprietor/Single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C-Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S-Corporation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/Estate <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) _____</p> <p>Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</p>	<p align="center">*13. Entity Classification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Medical Services</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Legal/Attorney Services</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NC Local Govt</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Federal Govt</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NC State Agency</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Govt</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)</p>	<p align="center">14. Exemptions (see instructions)</p> <p>Exempt payee code (if any):</p> <hr/> <p>Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any):</p>
<p>Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding because of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined later in general instructions), and The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct. <p>Certification instructions: Please refer to the IRS Form W-9 located on the IRS Website (https://www.irs.gov/):</p>		
<p>*Printed Name:</p>	<p>*Printed Title:</p>	
<p>*Authorized U.S. Signature:</p>	<p>* Date:</p>	

NC Office of the State Controller *Denotes a Required Field This form is to be completed by the vendor.	STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTITUTE W-9 FORM Modification to Existing Vendor Records	
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This form is to be completed by the vendor if one or more of the following have changed:

1. Change of remittance address.
2. Change of Social Security Number (SSN), or Employer Identification Number (EIN), or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).
3. Change of Vendor Name.

Please complete the applicable sections below.

Section 1:

CHANGE FROM: Remittance Address	CHANGE TO: Remittance Address
*Address Line 1:	*Address Line 1:
Address Line 2:	Address Line 2:
*City *State *Zip (9 digit)	*City *State *Zip (9 digit)
*County	*County

NOTE: If you would like to receive your payments electronically, please complete the [Vendor Electronic Payment Form](#)

Section 2:

* CHANGE FROM: SSN, or EIN, or ITIN	* CHANGE TO: SSN, or EIN, or ITIN
(PRESS THE TAB KEY TO ENTER EACH NUMBER)	(PRESS THE TAB KEY TO ENTER EACH NUMBER)

Section 3:

CHANGE FROM: Vendor Name	CHANGE TO: Vendor Name
*Legal Name:	*Legal Name:
Business Name/DBA/Disregarded Entity Name, if different from Legal Name:	Business Name/DBA/Disregarded Entity Name, if different from Legal Name:

*Printed Name:		*Printed Title:	
*Authorized U.S. Signature:		* Date:	

GENERAL FAIR RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

- Exhibitors are encouraged to make all entries early. The right is reserved to reject any entry.
- In most divisions, competition is limited to residents of North Carolina.
- All entries must be made in the name of the owner, breeder, manufacturer, grower, producer or one whose skill the exhibit represents. A firm, to be entitled to exhibit as such, must have been organized not less than 30 days prior to the closing date for entries and such firm must have been organized as a bona fide firm for the purpose of producing or buying and selling the articles or animals it proposes to exhibit in the name of such firm. A firm will be regarded as one exhibitor.
- Official printed forms or copies of forms must be used in making applications for entry. Be sure to fill out the application form completely, accurately and legibly.
- No article or animals will be entitled to exhibition space until proper entry has been made.
- Entry fees are required in some departments.
- Unclaimed exhibits from competitive departments will be considered abandoned if not called for within one week after the official closing of the Fair and may be disposed of as the Manager of the Fair sees fit.
- All exhibits must be officially entered in the Fair on official entry forms provided for that purpose, before the closing date for entries in the department. No article or animal will be entitled to space or considered in the judging until proper entry has been made. Removal of exhibits before the date and time specified will be cause for forfeit of all premiums won, all fees paid and the right to further participation in the Fair.
- All exhibits will be numbered and recorded in the books of the proper department and class and exhibit tag with corresponding numbers will be issued. This tag must be securely attached to the exhibit and must remain on the exhibit throughout the Fair.
- The State Fair assumes no responsibility for the incorrect tagging of exhibits.
- Entries may be shipped via UPS or Fed Ex (signature required) to:
NC State Fair Attn Entry Department 4285 Trinity Road Raleigh NC 27607
- The management will not be responsible for delayed shipments which arrive at the Fair too late to be considered in the judging. All reasonable care will be given to all exhibits; however, exhibits are entered at the exhibitor's risk. The Fair and staff are not responsible for damage or loss at any time.
- Division Directors and Department Superintendents will have full authority over allocation of space.
- If the claim check is lost, such loss should be reported promptly and it will be necessary for the exhibitor to furnish the Department Superintendent or Competitive Exhibits Coordinator proof of ownership of the article on exhibit.
- Exhibits entered in competitions which are not claimed within one week after the close of the Fair will be considered to have been abandoned by the exhibitor and will be disposed of as the Manager of the Fair sees fit.
- The Fair management reserves the right to reject any exhibit which does not reflect merit and which would not be a credit to both the exhibitor and the Fair.
- Division Directors, Department Superintendents, and/or Judges must report disqualification of entries to the Manager of the State Fair immediately after such action is taken. Under no circumstances will judging be considered official and premiums paid in a class where disqualification is recommended until approval of the disqualification(s) is obtained from the fair manager.

- Decision of the judges will be final and no appeal will be considered except in cases of protest in writing, with strong evidence of fraud or violation of the rules of the Fair. Protests must be in writing and filed with the State Fair Manager within twenty four hours of the day following the award and must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$5.00 which will be retained by the Fair if the protest is not sustained. The State Fair Manager will appoint a committee to consider the protest and all interested parties will be notified of the time of the hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard. The rules of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions governing appeals will be those of the North Carolina State Fair.
- Entries made in wrong classes risk not being judged, and may be moved to the proper class by the Department Supervisor or Competitive Exhibits Coordinator with the permission of the exhibitor.
- Judges will not award premiums or ribbons to any article or animal that does not qualify for one of the classes in the State Fair Premium List.
- The NC State Fair is under no obligation to display every item entered.
- Premium checks will be mailed to all exhibitors no later than 60 days after the fair. Errors in premium statements will be corrected until January 31, 2024 after which time the books of the 2023 Fair are closed.
- Photographs of exhibits and winners will be taken by official photographers of the NC State Fair. Exhibitors hereby grant the NC State Fair permission to utilize photographs, images, or likenesses in whole or in part for use in official NC State Fair publications and promotions.
- The following colors of ribbons will be used to designate awards:
 - Grand Champion Purple
 - Reserve Champion Lavender
 - First Place Blue
 - Second Place Red
 - Third Place White
 - Fourth Place Pink
 - Fifth Place Yellow
 - Sixth Place Dark Green
 - Seventh Place Light Green
 - Eighth Place Tan
 - Ninth Place Gray
 - Tenth Place and above Light Blue