

CALIFORNIA MID STATE FAIR INDEPENDENT YOUTH REQUIREMENTS

AGE REQUIREMENTS

-Independent exhibitors must be at least 9 years old or in 4th grade by January 1, 2026. Exhibitors are eligible to complete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years old.

-Exhibitors 13 years old and younger as of January 1, 2026, must enter 4-H Divisions (including Showmanship).

-Exhibitors 14 years old and older as of January 1, 2026, must enter FFA Divisions (including Showmanship).

PARTICIPATION & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

-Independent Junior Exhibitors must complete the CSMF Independent Exhibitor Affidavit Application, as well as submit a letter to CSMF Fair Management requesting to show as an Independent Exhibitor no later than the due dates outlined on the Application. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

-Independent Junior Exhibitors entering animals must meet all Ownership Requirements for their animals. Independent Exhibitors must include a photo, proof of ownership and ear tags or ear notch information by the DNA Due Date per State Rule VII. Junior Department Definitions, Exhibit Eligibility, #8.

-All junior exhibitors must have “on ground” supervision by a responsible adult for the duration of the fair.

-Two non-parental letters of recommendation must accompany the letter to fair management requesting to be an Independent Exhibitor. (Example: Letters can be from a teacher, coach, youth group leader, etc.)

-Two (2) hours of community service is required of all independent exhibitors. The two (2) hours must be performed in the community with a Non-Profit Organization (Ex.: Foodbank, ECHO, Woods Humane Society, etc.) Documentation (signed letter from community organization on organization letterhead) must be provided to prove community service was completed, listing date, location and number of hours completed. You must present signed letters to the Livestock Office no later than July 1, 2026.

-Exhibitors enrolled in any junior organization for which classes are offered are not eligible to enter as Independent Exhibitors.



2026
INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR AFFIDAVIT
APPLICATION DUE DATE:
APRIL 1, 2026

Exhibitor Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Exhibitor Phone Number: _____ Exhibitor Email Address: _____

Exhibitor Mailing Address: _____

Exhibitor Physical Address: _____

Name of Current School Attended by Exhibitor: _____

Species Exhibitor would like to show: _____

Have you previously been affiliated with any 4-H/Grange/FFA? (Yes/No) _____

If yes, please list all affiliated club or chapter: _____

Supervising Adult Name*: _____

Supervising Adult Contact Telephone: _____

Supervising Adult Mailing Address: _____

Supervising Adult Physical Address: _____

Relationship to Exhibitor: _____

The undersigned declares that he/she has read, understands, and will abide by all State and Local Rules pertaining to his/her junior livestock project printed in the 2026 California Mid-State Fair Livestock Show Competition Handbook.

The undersigned will complete and turn in all the appropriate records as required by the California Mid-State Fair Junior Livestock Independent Exhibitor Program. Meeting deadlines to submit forms and entries is the responsibility of the junior livestock exhibitor and deadlines will not be extended.

Exhibitor Signature & Date

Parent Signature & Date

*Please include a photo of your animal, proof of ownership, and ear tags or notch information when turning in affidavit to keep in line with CA State Rule VII, Exhibit Eligibility, #7.

***Supervising adult must be over 25 years of age and on grounds during fair time activities, regardless of exhibitors age.**

**Project ownership deadlines are as follows: Replacement Heifers - December 15, 2025, Market Beef - March 17, 2026, Swine, Sheep and Goats – May 16, 2026.