Chapter 16-700 WAC
STATE FAIR FUND—PRORATION

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WAC 16-700-010 Activity reports required. Any area county fair desiring to apply for an allocation from the state fair fund under the provisions of chapter 61, Laws of 1961, must submit to the director annually, on or before February 15 of the following year, reports covering all of its activities on forms to be supplied by the director, and include a certified auditor's report of receipts and expenditures attributed to the fair. Any community fair or youth show must submit to the director annually, on or before December 1, the reports of its activities on forms to be supplied by the director.

WAC 16-700-011 Fair reorganization. Beginning January 1, 1994, and until June 30, 1997, the director may waive applications requirements, as defined in WAC 16-700-010 and adjust the basic annual allocation as defined in WAC 16-700-021, when a county fair reorganizes and makes application for allocation from the fair fund as an area fair.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.76.180. WSR 95-15-101, § 16-700-011, filed 7/19/95, effective 8/19/95.]

WAC 16-700-021 Qualifications. (1) Any community fair applying for an allocation from the state fair fund shall have on display or exhibit at one place, open to the public, for at least a seven-hour period:

(a) Three or more of the following animal categories: Beef, sheep, swine, horses, dairy, goats, llamas, dogs, and poultry and rabbits (poultry and rabbits being in one category) with at least five exhibits in each category, except poultry and rabbits and dogs which shall have ten; and

(b) At least three of the following categories: Foods, clothing, horticulture, crops, floriculture, arts and crafts, with at least five exhibits in each category.

(c) Each category, to qualify as per above, shall have at least three exhibitors.

(d) Each fair shall have at least twenty-five exhibitors in total.

(2) Such community fair, whose application is accepted by the director, shall be entitled to an annual allocation of up to fifty percent of the premiums and prizes paid to the participants. An allocation of up to one hundred percent reimbursement of premiums and prizes paid may be made on a merit basis to such fairs as reporting one thousand dollars or more of the value of such premiums and prizes: Provided, That any community fair that has for its purpose the education and training of youth in the matters of rural living and production agriculture and serving the 4-H and FFA members and all interested youth in its community, may qualify for an allocation with:

(a) Three or more of the following categories: Beef, sheep, swine, dairy, horses, llamas or goats; or

(b) At least two of the following categories: Beef, sheep, swine, dairy, llamas and/or goats, and at least two of the following categories: Foods, clothing, horticulture, crops, floriculture, arts and crafts, dogs, poultry and/or rabbits (poultry and/or rabbits being one category).

(c) Each category, to qualify as per above, shall have at least three exhibitors.

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(e) All such exhibits are to be exhibited by youth exhibitors, at one place, open to the public, for at least a seven-hour period. Such fair shall be entitled to a maximum annual allocation of up to fifty percent reimbursement of premiums and prizes.

(3) Any area fair may not receive an allocation in excess of the total reimbursement of premiums and prizes.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.76.180. WSR 97-12-028, § 16-700-021, filed 5/30/97, effective 6/30/97; WSR 97-04-078, § 16-700-021, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97. Statutory Authority: Chapter 15.76 RCW. WSR 80-01-019 (Order 1662), § 16-700-021, filed 12/14/79, effective 1/1/81.]
WAC 16-700-022 Requirements. All agricultural fairs shall:

(1) Have a written statement of aims and purposes made public.

(2) Provide special activities for youth development, such as judging contests, educational demonstrations, and displays designed to train youth.

(3) Hold all activities to be considered as part of the fair on consecutive days: Provided, That a portion of these activities may be held up to seven days before the first day of the fair.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 15.76 RCW. WSR 80-01-019 (Order 1662), § 16-700-022, filed 12/14/79, effective 1/1/81.]

WAC 16-700-024 Director's review. Any fair not qualifying under WAC 16-700-021 or 16-700-022(3) may apply to the director for a review of its circumstances and the director is authorized to determine eligibility on the basis of those circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 15.76 RCW. WSR 80-01-019 (Order 1662), § 16-700-024, filed 12/14/79, effective 1/1/81.]

WAC 16-700-027 Board of directors. Area and community fairs and youth shows shall have an organized governing board of directors, be nonprofit, and show evidence of community support.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 15.76 RCW. WSR 80-01-019 (Order 1662), § 16-700-027, filed 12/14/79, effective 1/1/81.]

WAC 16-700-030 Effect of donated labor, materials, and equipment. For the purpose of matching state fair fund allocations those fairs whose local resources are not sufficient to match dollar for dollar in preparing their annual reports place a reasonable itemized monetary value upon donated labor, materials and equipment used in the construction, repairing and maintenance of fair grounds, buildings and facilities.

[Order 847, Regulation 3, effective 6/8/61.]

WAC 16-700-040 Consideration given to community support. Special consideration may be given to each of the several criteria by which fairs shall receive a merit rating. Special consideration may be given, however, to small and comparatively isolated fairs with limited local resources when such fairs have shown that a maximum community effort has been made in support of these fairs.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.76.180. WSR 97-04-078, § 16-700-040, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/3/97; Order 847, Regulation 4, effective 6/8/61.]

WAC 16-700-050 Merit criteria. The merit of area, district, county and community fairs shall be determined on the basis of the following criteria:

(1) Aims and purposes: For what reason or purposes is the show held and what is the evidence of successful achievement of these aims and purposes?

(2) Organization and management: To what extent is the organization, its officers and management, and the physical facilities and financial resources geared to accomplish the objectives stated above?

(3) Area served: What is the extent of the area from which exhibits and exhibitors are drawn and the extent of the area served?

(4) General attractiveness: Are the agricultural, educational, commercial and recreational features wellbalanced, making the fair attractive to the fairgoing public?

(5) Exhibits: What is the number, quality and diversity of exhibits and their general rating judged by recognized standards of excellence, as well as their neatness and orderliness in all departments, in open and junior classes?

(6) Community, county or area interest: How is full participation and support of the area served indicated by (a) attendance, both paid and total, and (b) by active support of service clubs, farm organizations and other groups?

(7) Success of the fair: How successful does the fair appear, measured by its accomplishment in relation to resources available?

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.76.180. WSR 97-04-078, § 16-700-050, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/3/97; Order 847, Regulation 5, effective 6/8/61.]

WAC 16-700-060 Criteria for youth shows and fairs. Youth shows and fairs shall be judged on a merit basis according to the following criteria:

(1) Aims and purposes: To what extent does the show supplement 4-H, FFA and other related youth programs and to what extent does it provide opportunity for showing results of supervised training in these programs?

(2) Organization and management: To what extent is the organization, its officers and management and the physical setup geared to accomplish the objectives stated above?

(3) Scope: What does the show include in the nature of youth participation, such as number of participants, kind and number of exhibits or displays, and the clubs or chapters represented?

(4) Quality: What is the general attractiveness of the exhibit in all departments, the general rating of exhibits judged by recognized standards of excellence, and the neatness and orderliness in all departments?

(5) Financial statement: What are the receipts of all kinds, the expenditures, including salaries and wages, premiums paid, financial reserves and general obligations?

(6) Area and/or community support: In what way does the area served support this show?

(7) Special activities: To what extent does the show provide special activities for youth development, such as judging contests, educational demonstrations, banquets, barbecues, programs, or other supervised recreation?

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.76.180. WSR 97-04-078, § 16-700-060, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/3/97; Order 847, Regulation 6, effective 6/8/61.]

WAC 16-700-070 Reserve for disaster grants. Allocations to fairs from the special assistance portion of the state fair fund shall be made on a matching basis except that this requirement may be waived in the case of assistance due to disasters resulting from fire, flood, wind, snow, earthquake or other acts of God. A reserve of not less than $5,000 shall be held for the purpose of making disaster grants.

[Order 847, Regulation 7, effective 6/8/61.]
WAC 16-700-075 Special assistance grant limits. The director may limit the grants from the special assistance portion of the state fair fund to disaster grants to county and area fairs, as defined in WAC 16-700-070.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.76.180. WSR 93-02-028, § 16-700-075, filed 12/31/92, effective 2/1/93.]

WAC 16-700-080 Qualifying premiums and prizes. Premiums and prizes that qualify for listing for allocation purposes shall be those paid for exhibits and educational contests, displays, and demonstrations of an educational nature. This is not to include judges fees and expenses, livestock sale revenues, prizes or premiums for promotion or entertainment activities such as queen contests, parades, dances, rodeos, and races.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.76.180. WSR 97-04-078, § 16-700-080, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97; Order 1279, § 16-700-080, filed 11/28/72, effective 1/1/73.]

WAC 16-700-090 Effective date. The effective date of these amended rules shall be January 1, 1981 (WAC 16-700-001, 16-700-020, 16-700-021, 16-700-022, 16-700-024, 16-700-027, and 16-700-090).

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 15.76 RCW. WSR 80-01-019 (Order 1662), § 16-700-090, filed 12/14/79, effective 1/1/81.]