

Membership Program Criteria

Member Organizations via their Representatives and individuals:

All voting members representatives, excluding our Life Members are asked to adhere to the following **Expectations of Being an Active Member:**

Post COVID-19 – at such time events are held in person or virtually where applicable.

- To attend at least two (2) meetings/membership events in two (2) years.
- To attend at least two (2) WFD owned and operated events in two (2) years. Events such as the Farm Show, National Poultry Show, the Western Fair.
- AND/OR participate as a volunteer in a WFD owned event as organized through Volunteer Services coordinated by Michelle Scott.
- Representatives/individuals must be willing to serve on specific committees, provide expertise, ideas and suggestions, through committee work, attending Western Fair District events in order to provide feedback and perspective by way of assessments and surveys to enhance and advance these activities.
- Representatives/individuals must be willing to respond to Member surveys to help guide our event, agricultural, educational and recreational initiatives.
- All Membership applications (organization/individual) will be reviewed by the Governance & Membership Committee and require approval by the Board of Governors.

Responsibilities & Obligations:

Member Organizations via their Representatives and Individuals are encouraged to...

- Actively share and positively promote all Western Fair District events and activities through communications to respective member organizations, promotional materials, word of mouth to family, friends, colleagues, and acquaintances.
- Attend Western Fair District events to gain a better understanding and appreciation of the events in order to provide perspective and feedback.

- Attend Association key events such as the Special Membership Meetings and Annual General Meeting.
- If selected, to serve on a specific advisory committee, must attend meetings (3-4 annually) and actively participate in related Western Fair District event(s).
- Seek election to the Governance of the Association and if elected shall serve on specific committees and provide valuable input, review and recommendations for the future development of the Association's key events, activities and direction.
- Appreciate and be supportive of the Association's position in the greater community and the goals and objectives of the Association.

Member Benefits:

Include...

- Direct association and connection with a high-profile community organization within the Southwestern Ontario region and a role in its continued growth and development.
- WFA Membership ID Card which provides free admission to specific Western Fair District events/activities for the purpose of providing feedback and direction specific to the event/activity.
- The opportunity to be considered as a candidate for election to the governance of the Association.
- The opportunity to be considered as a member of various advisory committee(s).
- The opportunity to help develop and review programming for new and existing Western Fair District events/activities.
- The right to attend the Annual General Meeting and right to vote for candidates for the Association's Governance.
- Recognition of contribution to and engagement in the Association's Membership Program.