



# Sunflower Celebrations

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## Scholarships Available

Do you have an outstanding individual that deserves the opportunity to show off their knowledge of Agriculture while competing for a college scholarship?

The **AGRICULTURE CHALLENGE OF CHAMPIONS** competition will be held at the Kansas State Fair on Sunday September 12th at 2:00 pm in the Encampment Building. Growth of this event is a primary focus of the board and we need your help to do it.

The KFFA provides a \$2,000 scholarship to each of the top two finishers in the Challenge of Champions. In addition, each of the top two finishers receives a \$250 cash prize.

The State Fair, along with the KFFA board, wants to challenge each of you to nominate a participant from your county to take part in the Challenge of Champions in 2011.

Participants must come from a county whose fair is a member in good standing of the KFFA. **Only one nominee per county will be accepted.**

Your nominee can be selected in any manner you choose – hold your own contest, pick a name from a hat, draw straws. It's up to you.

Find more information at [www.kansasstatefair.com](http://www.kansasstatefair.com)

Log On to [kansasstatefair.com](http://kansasstatefair.com)  
Click on Competitive then scroll down to Agriculture Challenge of Champions Form

**Nomination must be postmarked by August 15, 2011.**



## STAATS SCHOLARSHIP

STAATS Company is offering \$1,000 annually for a scholarship program administered by the Kansas Fairs and Festivals Association. The scholarship offered by STAATS is not limited to 4-H and FFA members. An applicant must have a letter attached to their application from his/her county agent certifying that he/she has participated in at least three of the last four years at either a county fair within Kansas, or the Kansas State Fair. Application and rules can be found on the KFFA web.

## Welcome to the Board!!!

**Bob Lindquist** from Blue Rapids, **Galen Zook** from Columbus and **Kay Parks** from Penokee were elected as new board members to the Kansas Fairs & Festivals Association during the 2011 Convention held last January. We welcome these new members and look forward to their idea's. The KFFA wishes to Thank **Kenny Feldhausen**, **Terry North** and **Rita Habbart** for their service and dedication to the association and the fair industry.

### Kansas State Fair Appointment announced

Governor Brownback announced the appointment of **Angie Clark**, Garden City to the Kansas State Fair Board to represent the Kansas Fairs & Festivals Association. The board of directors submitted 3 outstanding candidates to the governor's office for this appointment in February. Angie is a past board member of KFFA and manager of the Finney Co. Fair Grounds.

Do you have a  
Iphone or  
Ipad?

SCAN ME!



2012 Membership applications can be found on the Web!

www.kansasfairsassociation.com



Save the Date...  
Jan. 6 - 8, 2012  
Annual Convention

## Toddler Games and Art Fair at Kansas State Fair Sponsored by Kansas Fairs & Festivals Assoc

Children ages one to five will have fun at the Toddler Games Driving School & Art Fair During the Kansas State Fair. The Toddler Games Driving School is a free interactive family event where toddlers will learn the rules of the road, how to make turns, back up, and even parallel park. After completing the driving school, the toddlers

will be awarded their first driver's license. Later in the afternoon a child will be announced as the winner of one of the cars.



## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES 2011

Selected by their peers these individuals were inducted into the Hall of Fame for their dedication to the fairs & festivals industry. Inductees include: **Bob Lindquist**, Blue Rapids, Marshall Co.; **Jean Clarkson-Frisbie**, Pratt, Pratt Co.; **Steve Karl**, Abilene, Central Ks Free Fair; **John Pattimore**, Garner, Johnson Co.

These individuals will be listed on the HOF Plaque that is located in the Encampment Building at the Kansas State Fair.

### COMMITTEE SEEKS HOF NOMINATIONS

The Hall of Fame Committee is now seeking nominations for the most prestigious award that can be bestowed on a individual by the Kansas Fairs & Festivals Association. Applications can be found on our website or by request. Nominations should be postmarked by November 1. The committee will select the winners and the nominator will be notified after the selection.

The winners will be honored at the 2012 Annual Convention scheduled for January 6,7 and 8th in Topeka at the Ramada Inn Downtown.

This is a perfect opportunity for a member Fair, Festival or Associate to honor an individual that has contributed so much and never expected anything in return.

Remember the postmarked deadline is **November 1st**.

### What did you do this summer?

Tells us about your fair, We all know that most of them were **HOT** but what else happened at your fair or festival that was new, exciting, or a change. Please send us a story with pictures (Max 3) to **Info@kansasfairsassociation.com** so we can showcase your event in the next issue of the Newsletter. Please send pictures in a jpeg format along with your story,

Tell us anything that you like that our readers would like to hear. It is impossible for us to attend all the fairs so we need you to toot your own horn and tell about your fair or festival.

### Coming this Fall! E-newsletter



**In an effort to reduce cost the board of directors have decided to start producing an electronic newsletter that will be emailed in a portable document format to all members and associates that sign up for the service. The newsletter will also continue to be posted on the web.**

**The exciting thing about this is the information will be in the hands of members quicker and the contact person can distribute it to their board members so everyone gets a copy. Please fill out the enclosed card we need to hear from you to start building our data base.**