

Tennessee State Fair



Past Distinguished Service Award Recipients

2016 – Sally Smith
2015 – Ben Powell
2014 – Jean Lewis
2013 – Marvin Gleaves
2012 – Cherry Darken
2011 – Hale Moss, Hermitage, TN
2010 – Judy Basse, Mt. Juliet, TN
2009 – Joe and Millie Wilson, Nashville, TN
2008 – Freddie Burcham, Ashland City, TN
2007 – In Memory of Nora Strasser, Chapel Hill, TN
2006 – John Albright, Nolensville, TN
2005 – Shari Cronkhite, Nashville, TN
2004 – Frances Jackson, Nashville, TN
2003 – Doyle, Max & Bobby Stepp Wartrace, TN
2002 – Bill Coleman, Nashville, TN
2001 – June Thompson, Nashville, TN
2000 – Hershall Ligon, Old Hickory, TN

Tennessee State Fair Themes

2017 Tennessee Proud!
2016 A Tennessee Tradition
2015 Red, White, & You!
2014 Let the Good Times Grow!
2013 Come Grow with Us!
2012 Pick Tennessee State Fair
2011 Tradition Lives On!

HISTORY

Preserved by law by the Tennessee Legislature, the Tennessee State Fair is as synonymous with the Volunteer State as President Andrew Jackson, Beale Street and Elvis Presley, Country Music, and the Great Smokey Mountains.

Its home in Nashville is where World War I hero Sgt. Alvin York showed his prize Hereford; where auto racing got its start in Tennessee; where famous entertainers including Sonny and Cher, Captain and Tenille, ZZ Top, Dr. Hook, Marilyn McCoo, and comedian Bob Hope performed; and where memories have been made since 1855.

For more than 150 years families across Tennessee have made the annual trek in September to attend the State Fair in Nashville.

While still holding true to its founding principles of being an agricultural and educational exhibition, the State Fair has developed into one of Tennessee's premier family attractions providing wholesome fun for all ages.

If you haven't attended the Tennessee State Fair recently, there will be no better opportunity than this year. Win yourself a Teddy bear, ride the giant Ferris wheel, let your kids pet a fuzzy lamb, see all the intricately handmade wares in the Creative Arts building, and sit-in on the judging of the state's best apple pie. You'll be one of more than 100,000 enjoying the fun.