

# Announcing Endowment Program for the Minnesota State Fair

The Minnesota State Fair Foundation Board of Directors  
launches the Endowment Program for the State Fair.

## What is an Endowment?

Endowment contributions are for long-term, sustainable support. Your contribution is invested and earnings are granted to the State Fair for capital and program improvements, or to preserve what you value most about the State Fair. It is a gift made in perpetuity.

## Why Have an Endowment Fund?

You can consider making an endowment gift for general purposes, or establishing an endowment fund with a specific focus, such as horticulture, State Fair scholarships, green environment, art, history, science, educational programs or preservation of historic buildings. It is a way to impact the State Fair for the next generation.

## Will the Foundation Still Have *Friends of the Fair* and Campaign Projects?

Yes, we will. *Friends of the Fair* annual memberships and project campaigns help make today's State Fair the best ever. Whether you give annually or want to impact the future of the State Fair through endowment giving, contributions given to the State Fair Foundation are for:

**Agricultural Education:** Supporting educational experiences and facilities for agriculture and horticulture. Past annual campaign projects have included the CHS Miracle of Birth Center and FFA Chapter House, Christensen Farm Stage, the Moo Booth, and Land O Lakes Stage. Our current campaign is for AgStar Arena, replacing the judging arena and annex. Future options are in 4-H, horticulture and livestock building improvements.

## Cultural and Artistic Expressions:

Supporting fine arts, music, theater, public art and creative activities. Our current projects are the Giant Sing Along with Bremer Bank, and hosting the Minnesota Museum of American Art. Future options include theater venues and preserving the Fine Arts Center.

**Educational Enrichment:** Supporting innovative ways to learn while at the fair. In 2011, we are presenting the Alphabet Forest with Target, MELSA and others. Future options include educational programs in health, science, technology and more.

**Environmental Applications:** Supporting visitor amenities and keeping our fairgrounds accessible and green. We have added 300 benches, preserved the Grandstand Marquee and added trees, vines and plaza areas like the Bailey House front yard. Future options include greenhouse enhancements, more seating, lighting and sustainability projects.

**History and Heritage:** Preserving historic buildings and providing State Fair and Minnesota history. We have preserved the J.V. Bailey House, improved the Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum, and developed the State Fair Archives. Future options include permanent funds to preserve the Agriculture Horticulture Building, Fine Arts Center, the Grandstand Ramp and our prestigious livestock buildings.

## How Do I Get More Information?

Visit with Kay Cady, executive director, or go to [www.msffoundation.org](http://www.msffoundation.org).

