Recognition Benches at the Minnesota State Fair

Help us add seating to the fairgrounds and support the nonprofit mission of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation! Honor your loved ones and memories at the fair with this special donation.

Cost
A contribution of $2,500. Bench contributions are tax-deductible as a charitable contribution. Each bench is placed for a minimum of five years and is covered by a five-year limited warranty.

Timeline
Bench orders must be received by April 30, 2024 for placement at the 2024 State Fair.

Where do benches go?
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Bench Back – A 14-character message (including spaces) on the 8' long, steel backrest. Each character measures approximately 10" in height.

Plaque – One 7" x 8" plaque can be attached to the backrest. Plaques are printed in full color. The Foundation is able to help with plaque design when provided with finalized text and no more than one image. For plaques with more than one image or with additional design requirements, you are able to create your own plaque and submit it as a print-ready PDF. There is a separate sheet available with more details on plaques.

Note: Business names or logos may be included on a plaque, however, text on the backrest may not include business names, QR codes or advocacy messages. The Minnesota State Fair Foundation reserves the right to edit or reject submissions.

Please visit www.msffoundation.org if you would like to make your bench contribution online, or if you would like information on additional ways to support the State Fair Foundation.
Recognition Bench Order Form

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Name ____________________________________________

Organization (optional) _____________________________________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________________

City _______________________________ State _______ Zip ____________________________

Phone, Email _________________________________________________________________

This gift is □ In honor of □ In memory of ________________________________

Payment □ I have enclosed a check for $2,500 payable to the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

□ Please charge a gift of $2,500 to:

CC number _______________________ CCV _________

EXP date ___/____ Signature _______________________

□ I have requested a contribution of $2,500 be sent through my donor-advised fund
or as a stock gift. Name of donor-advisor or broker sending funds:

Bench Information: 3 Steps

1. Bench Backrest Text
Fill in up to 14 characters, including spaces, here.

2. Choose Bench Color
(see reverse for map)

□ Red □ Blue □ Green □ Yellow

Note: A space between words is part of the 14 character count.

3. Plaque Information (Check one- Required)

□ I have enclosed the text and/or photo for my bench plaque. (circle one or both)

□ I will send text and/or photo for my plaque to benches@msffoundation.org prior to May 15, 2024.

□ I want to design my own plaque and will send a print-ready PDF to benches@msffoundation.org prior to May 15, 2024.

□ I do not wish to have a plaque on my bench.

Please return form and payment by mail, email or fax to:
Minnesota State Fair Foundation | 1265 Snelling Ave. N. | Saint Paul, MN 55108
Phone: (651) 288-4339 | Fax: (651) 632-2622 | benches@msffoundation.org
Have Us Design Your Plaque
All plaque content can be submitted to benches@msffoundation.org

If you would like the Minnesota State Fair Foundation to create a plaque for you, it will be formatted in one of the following ways, depending on content submitted. We can accept up to one image and finalized text. Business names or logos may be included on a plaque. Plaques are printed in full color. All plaque content must be received by May 15, 2024 in order to be produced for the 2024 fair. A proof of your plaque will be sent for approval before production.

Image Only Example

Text Only Example

Image and Text Example

Fans of the Minnesota State Fair forever!
Preserving and improving the historic Minnesota State Fairgrounds, and laying the groundwork for memories to be made for generations to come!

Minnesota State Fair fans forever!
Preserving and improving the historic Minnesota State Fairgrounds, and laying the groundwork for memories to be made for generations to come!
**Design Your Own Plaque**

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For those designing your own plaque, a 7” x 8” template (displayed at actual size) can be found below. This template indicates the area you have to work with for your design. Your artwork must be contained in the 6” x 6.375” live area. No artwork will be allowed to have the colors bleed off the plaque edge. QR codes are not permitted. Business names or logos may be included on a plaque. Plaques are printed in full color. For readability, fonts similar to Arial, Helvetica or Times New Roman in minimum 14 pt. are suggested. Final artwork must be sent as a print-ready PDF by May 15, 2024. A proof of your plaque will be sent for approval before production.

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