DO YOU have a friend who has made a positive difference in your community?  

IS THERE someone in your neighborhood working to make our state a better place to live?  

WOULD YOU like to help recognize someone who demonstrates the true meaning of being an Iowan?

The Iowa State Fair is looking for ten individuals to honor during the first ten days of the Iowa State Fair. Your help is needed to identify Iowans who have made a significant contribution to their communities, while exemplifying the qualities and characteristics associated with Iowa – integrity, dependability, sense of community and a strong work ethic. The Iowan of the Day winners must have shown their true Iowa spirit through continued volunteerism and community or statewide involvement. All nominees must currently reside in Iowa.

“Being selected as an Iowan of the Day was an honor. It feels good to be recognized for my accomplishments for my community and state. It was a fun filled day for myself and my family.”  

~COLE MACE, ESTHERVILLE

“My family is definitely a “fair family” and it was so fun to be treated like royalty during the Iowa State Fair! I still have people mention they saw me on the Bill Riley Stage as Iowan of the Day. It was a wonderful honor.”

~JULIE BEITELSPACHER, LE MARS

“I celebrated my Iowan of the Day award on my 87th birthday. Being born and living in Iowa all my life, I felt honored to be recognized. It was a special day as my siblings, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were there to share it with me.”

~LOUISE UNKRICH, SWEBESBURG

“It was a special time for me and it was a beautiful day to spend at the Fair. Indeed, Iowa is a great place to live.”

~DON GIBSON, WALL LAKE
Each Iowan of the Day winner will receive:

• $200 cash award
• Accommodations at the Downtown Des Moines Marriott Hotel for the night preceding their award day
• Four Iowa State Fair gate admission tickets
• Four Grandstand show tickets for the night of their award day
• Special use of the Iowan of the Day golf cart for their day at the Fair
• Introduction and award presentation on the Anne & Bill Riley Stage
• One-year subscriptions to The Iowan and Iowa Gardening magazines

Prizes furnished by the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation, Cookies Food Products, the Downtown Des Moines Marriott Hotel, The Iowan and Iowa Gardening

Nomination Procedure:
Complete attached nomination form or log on to www.BlueRibbonFoundation.org and download the online version. Forms must be printed legibly or typed. Attach supplemental materials with a written nomination. Written nominations are limited to approximately 300 words and must be attached to the official nomination form. Nomination forms must be postmarked no later than July 1.

Judges may request additional information from nominees, nominators or references. The judges’ decisions are final and all nomination forms become property of the Iowa State Fair. All nominations remain active for three years.

Tips:
• Be specific and concise.
• Remember the judges haven’t met your nominee. Present him or her as if you were introducing him or her to a new acquaintance.
• Present details and information that is sure to set your nomination apart from the rest.
• Please keep in mind that relevant supplementary materials such as newspaper articles or photos will significantly strengthen your application.

Information to include with your nomination form: service activities, education, career, involvement with youth, leadership positions, awards and honors, family, special achievements, accomplishments

Send all entries to:
Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation
P.O. Box 57130
Des Moines, IA 50317-0003

For more information call: 1.800.450.3732 or email bluerf@BlueRibbonFoundation.org

Nomination Form
Name of Nominee: __________________________
Address: __________________________________
City: ______________________________________
State: _____________ ZIP: ________________
Home Phone: ______________________________
Work Phone: ______________________________
Email: ____________________________________

Nomination Submitted by: ___________________
Address: __________________________________
City: ______________________________________
State: _____________ ZIP: ________________
Home Phone: ______________________________
Work Phone: ______________________________
Email: ____________________________________

Signature: _________________________________

REFERENCES
References must be objective sources who are not related to the nominee.

Name: ____________________________________
Address: __________________________________
City: ______________________________________
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