

## 2026 State Information Make It With Wool (MIWW) Competition

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**STATE CONTEST:** Saturday, November 21, 2026, 9:00 a.m.  
Lexington Middle School  
1100 N Washington,  
Lexington, NE

**Entry Deadline:** October 15, 2026  
**Narration Deadline:** November 1, 2026  
**Contest Competition starts at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Fashion Show 1:00 p.m.**

### COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Age will be determined as of January 1, 2026

- Preteen, ages 12 & under
- Junior, ages 13-16
- Senior, ages 17-24
- Adult, age 25 and older
- Made for Others

All contestants must be a resident of Nebraska.

### WHAT CAN BE ENTERED

#### PRETEENS May Enter:

- Dress, jumper, skirt, pants, shorts, vest, sweater, shirt/blouse, jacket, poncho, or a combination of garments.

#### JUNIORS, SENIORS, ADULTS, MADE FOR OTHERS May Enter:

- One-piece Garment: dress, jumper, outerwear jacket, coat, poncho, or cape.
- Two-piece Garment: outerwear coat, jacket, cape, blouse/shirt/vest or sweater with dress, jumper, skirt, pants or shorts.
- Ensemble: 3 or more garments worn together at one time: outerwear coat, jacket, cape, vest, blouse/shirt, and/or sweater with dress, jumper, skirt, pants or shorts.
- Contestants in the Made for Others category have their "other" (the intended wearer) model the garment.
- Costumes or Cosplay Garments will compete at the State Level ONLY.

### PERCENTAGE OF WOOL FIBER CONTENT

The fabrics/yarns used for the wool contest must be 100% wool or wool blend (minimum 60% wool or specialty wool fiber) for each fashion fabric or yarn used. Specialty wool fibers include alpaca, angora, camel, cashmere, llama, mohair, and vicuna.

### HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR WOOL FIBER CONTENT?

**Any questions call Andrea Nisley, 308-325-6498**



2026 National MIWW  
Greta Rickertsen, Junior Division  
Dakota Vrbas, Senior Division



**All entries are due by October 15, 2026**

There will be no district competitions  
ONLY a State Contest.

### NATIONAL & STATE ENTRY INFORMATION & FEES

***All participants must pay the wool testing fee,  
state entry fee and national entry fee.***

- ▶ A \$15 entry fee per division must accompany each Preteen, Junior, Senior, Adult and Made for Others contestants' entry with National registration form. Contestants will not be sending wool samples to the national level with their entry form.
- ▶ A \$15 entry fee per division must accompany Preteen, Junior, Senior, Adult and Made for Others contestants' entry with the State registration form.
- ▶ A \$7 wool testing fee per 5 X 5 inch fabric swatch and/or per 36-inch length of yarn must accompany Preteen, Junior, Senior, Adult and Made for Others contestant's entry with the State registration form and entry fee.

Send two 5 X 5 inches of each wool fabric and/or two 36-inches length of each yarn with the entry form to Andrea Nisley.

All fabrics and yarns must be tested for percentage of wool prior to the state competition. One 5-inch sample and/or one 36-inch will be used for testing by State Director.

### NATIONAL ENTRY FORM — MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Make It With Wool

- Mail entry form and check to:  
National MIWW, Amelia Parry, 372 West 800 South, Salem, UT 84653;  
[nationalmakeitwithwool@gmail.com](mailto:nationalmakeitwithwool@gmail.com); Phone: 801-368-7755

### STATE ENTRY FORM — MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Nebraska Make It With Wool

- Mail a copy of the entry form, check and wool sample(s) to:  
Andrea Nisley, 74662 Road 431, Elwood, NE 68937  
Phone: 308-325-6498 (cell)

***Entry fees are non-refundable.***

***Entries are not complete without all information, fabric samples and fees.  
Make It With Wool is not responsible for late, misdirected or lost entries.***

**E-mail NARRATIONS by NOVEMBER 1, 2026 to: [anisley1@unl.edu](mailto:anisley1@unl.edu)**

### **DISTRICT I**

**Counties:** Arthur, Banner, Box Butte, Chase, Cheyenne, Cherry, Dawes, Deuel, Dundy, Garden, Grant, Hooker, Keith, Kimball, Morrill, Perkins, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, Sioux

#### **Co-Directors:**

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### **DISTRICT II**

**Counties:** Adams, Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Buffalo, Custer, Dawson, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Garfield, Gosper, Greeley, Hall, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Holt, Howard, Kearney, Keya Paha, Lincoln, Logan, Loup, McPherson, Phelps, Red Willow, Rock, Sherman, Thomas, Valley, Webster, Wheeler

#### **Director:**

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### **DISTRICT III**

**Counties:** Antelope, Boone, Butler, Burt, Cass, Cedar, Clay, Colfax, Cuming, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, Douglas, Fillmore, Gage, Hamilton, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Lancaster, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Seward, Stanton, Thayer, Thurston, Washington, Wayne, York

#### **Director:**

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### **PRIZES**

Nebraska will choose a Junior winner and a Senior winner at the Nebraska State competition for a trip to the National Contest. Both will represent the state in the National Finals, January 14-16, 2027, Charleston Marriot Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina.

Adult state winner submits garment, photos, video and information forms to the National MIWW Competition. The adult contestant from each state will be judged and one overall winner from all states will be awarded travel and accommodations to attend the National Competition.

### **Sponsors for 2025 were**

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Sandy Stockall, North Platte  
Andrea Nisley, Elwood

## **2026 NEBRASKA MAKE IT WITH WOOL**

### **STATE COMPETITION INFORMATION**

**NOVEMBER 21, 2026**

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### **2025 State Make It With Wool Contest Winners**

*Eden Ochsner, Preteen Division;  
Greta Rickertsen, Junior Division (2nd Runner-up in National Junior Division);  
Dakota Vrbas, Senior Division (Top 8 Placement in National Senior Division);  
and Amanda Spradlin, Adult Division*

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**Nebraska MIWW information website:**  
**<https://nebraskasheepandgoat.org>**

**National MIWW website: [www.makeitwithwool.com](http://www.makeitwithwool.com)**

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*The object of the Make It With Wool Contest is to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabrics and yarns; to encourage personal creativity in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving of wool fabrics and yarns; to recognize creative skills, and to develop life skills.*