

WHAT FABRICS/YARNS CAN I USE?

- 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.
- The **entire garment body** (front, back, and sleeves) must be wool or wool-blend fabric. Vests worn with a suit, sportcoat, or blazer may have a back of non-wool fabric. Vests worn as a top layer or with outerwear coat/jacket must have a wool back.
- Trims, facings, interfacings, linings, and underlinings may be fabrics other than wool or wool blends.

HOW CAN I BE CERTAIN MY FABRICS/YARNS ARE WOOL? TEST THEM

- All fabrics must be tested for percentage of wool fiber content by the Montana State University Wool Laboratory.
- Contact your state or district director for information regarding procedures, including testing fees, mailing dates, etc. for your state.

WHAT ARE THE JUDGING CRITERIA?

- Appropriateness to contestant's lifestyle
- Coordination of fabric/yarn with garment style and design.
- Fit and overall appearance.
- Contestant's presentation.
- Construction quality.
- Creativity in design and use of wool.
- Conveys/promotes the beauty, comfort, and versatility of wool.

Judging is private and decisions are final.

HOW CAN I ENTER?

- You may participate in one district or state competition each year where you are a legal resident.
- You may enter more than one garment.
- Garments must have been completed **after** January 1 of the contest year.
- Use a separate form for each entry (forms may be duplicated).
- Pay a \$12 **non-refundable** entry fee (payable to National MIWW) for each garment and wearable accessory in all age divisions - Preteen, Junior, Senior, Adult, and Made for Others.
- Complete and mail entry forms with appropriate attachments as directed on entry form.
- Your entry is not valid without all completed parts.
- Check your state requirements for entry deadline information and state fees.
- Past National Junior and Senior Ambassadors may not compete again in the same age division.
- Past National Adult Winner may not compete again for 3 years.

SPECIAL COMPETITION FOR FASHION/APPAREL DESIGN STUDENTS

- For complete information:
 - www.makeitwithwool.com
 - mail self-addressed stamped business envelope to National MIWW, P.O. Box 123, Albany, OH 45710
- You may participate in **either** the Fashion/Apparel Design Competition or the State MIWW Competition, not both.

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WHAT ARE THE PRIZES?

- Junior and Senior state winners advance to the National Competition.
- Adult state winners send 5"x7" photos and 3-minute DVD of themselves wearing garment(s) to National MIWW Competition. National Adult winner receives a trip to attend the National Competition.
- Fabrics, sewing books, equipment and notions may be awarded at District, State and National levels.

SPECIAL NATIONAL AWARDS

- Exemplary Construction (*Creative Craft Group/Sew News* magazine)
- Machine Embroidery (*Creative Craft Group/Creative Machine Embroidery* magazine)
- Mohair Award - best garment made using mohair fabric/yarn. (Mohair Council of America)
- Claire Shaeffer Award - best use of "Claire Shaeffer Custom Couture Collection" pattern, Vogue Pattern Co. (Claire Shaeffer)
- Wild Ginger Award - best garment design using Wild Ginger software (Wild Ginger Software, Inc.)
- Needlework Award - best garment using knitting, crocheting or felting techniques. (donors vary)

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

may include

\$2,000 American Sheep Industry Women
(Junior and Senior winners)

\$1,000 Pendleton Woolen Mills
(Junior winner)

\$1,000 American Wool Council
(Fashion/Apparel Design)

National, State & District MIWW

Competition Guidelines

WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES?

- To promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabrics and yarns
- To encourage personal creativity in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving wool fabrics and yarns
- To recognize creative skills
- To develop life skills, including:
 - *Being responsible for one's self*
 - *Being a good sport*
 - *Accepting judges' decisions*
 - *Learning about and appreciating diversity*

WHO CAN ENTER?

(age on January 1, 2015)

- Pre-teens, age 12 and under
- Juniors, ages 13-16
- Seniors, ages 17-24
- Adults, age 25 and older
- Anyone, regardless of race, creed or sex who meets age and other guidelines may participate.

WHAT CAN I ENTER?

JUNIORS, SENIORS, ADULTS, MADE FOR OTHERS MAY ENTER:

- **One-piece garment:** dress, jumper, outerwear jacket, coat 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; blouse/shirt, vest and/or sweater **with** dress, jumper, skirt, pants or shorts.

PRE-TEENS MAY ENTER:

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

MADE FOR OTHERS AND WEARABLE ACCESSORY:

District and State levels only.
Contact State Director for specific details.

ALL CONTESTANTS:

Pre-teen, Junior, Senior and Adult must select, construct and model their own garment(s). Made for Others contestants have their "other" (the intended wearer) model the garment(s).

To be eligible, a garment must have been completed after January 1, 2015.

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