### HOW CAN I ENTER?

- You may participate in one district or state competition each year in the state where you are a legal resident.
- ~If your state does <u>not</u> have a contest, you may enter the At-Large mail-in contest, see details on the website: <u>www.makeitwithwool.com</u>
- ~You may enter more than one garment.
- ~Garments must have been completed **after** January 1 of the current 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 entry** in all age divisions or categories -Preteen, Junior, Senior, Adult, Made for Others, or Wearable Accessory.
- ~Complete and mail entry forms with appropriate attachments as directed on entry form.
- ~Your entry is not valid without **all** completed information, samples, and fees.
- ~Check your state requirements for entry deadline, information, and state fees.
- ~Past National Junior and Senior Winners/ Ambassadors may not compete again in the same age division.
- ~National Adult Ambassador may not compete again for 3 years.

#### SPECIAL COMPETITION FOR FASHION/APPAREL DESIGN STUDENTS

For entry form and complete information:

~Visit Website: <u>www.makeitwithwool.com</u>

~Email: thew8s@gmail.com

- Mail: self-addressed stamped business envelope to National MIWW, Karen Weight, 480 South 300 West, Salem, UT 84653
- ~Individuals may participate in **either** the Fashion/Apparel Design Competition or the State MIWW Competition, not both.
- ~National Design winner receives a \$1,000 cash award and trip to National Competition!

#### WHAT ARE THE PRIZES?

- ~Fabrics, sewing books, equipment and notions may be awarded at District, State and National levels.
- ~Junior and Senior state winners advance to the National Competition.
- ~Adult state winners send garment(s), 5"x7" photos, and 90-second "modeling" video (on thumb drive) of themselves wearing garment(s) to National Adult Judging Contest.
- ~National Adult winner receives \$500 cash award and travel and lodging to attend the National Competition.

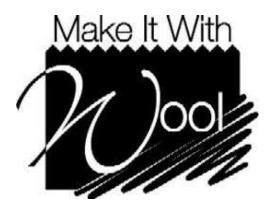
### NATIONAL SPECIAL AWARDS

Junior & Senior Divisions

- ~Exemplary Construction for outstanding construction techniques (donors vary)
- ~Machine Embroidery overall best use of machine embroidery (donors vary)
- ~Mohair Award top garments using mohair fabric or yarn. (*Mohair Council of America and others*)
- ~Handwork Award top garments using hand embroidery, beading, or hand felting techniques (*donors vary*)
- ~Needlework Award top hand-knitted or crocheted garments (Mountain Meadow Wool, Brown Sheep Company and others)
- ~Claire Shaeffer Award top Jr and Sr garment using a "Claire Shaeffer" Vogue jacket or dress pattern (*Claire Shaeffer*)

### NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP / CASH AWARDS

(may include) **\$2,000 - American Sheep Industry Women** (Senior winner - \$1,500; Junior winner - \$500) **\$1,000 - Pendleton Woolen Mills** (Junior winner scholarship) **\$1,000 - American Wool Council** (Fashion/Apparel Design winner) **\$500 - American Sheep Industry** (Adult winner)





**Current National Winners** 

Senior winner: Saidi Ringenberg, NE, Design winner: Estefania Espindola, Houston CC; Adult winner: Sunni Ellington, UT, Junior winner: Henry Lemke, MN

# **NATIONAL FINALS**

January 11-13, 2024 Sheraton Downtown Hotel Denver, Colorado

**Make It With Wool** is sponsored by **American Sheep Industry Women** 

# District, State, & National 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?

(determined by age on January 1, 2023)

- 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 <u>with</u> a 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 <u>with</u> a dress, jumper, skirt, pants or shorts.

### **PRE-TEENS MAY ENTER:**

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

# MADE FOR OTHERS AND WEARABLE ACCESSORY:

District and/or 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). Contestants in the Made for Others category have their "other" (the intended wearer) model the garment(s).

To be eligible, a garment must have been completed after January 1, 2023.

<u>National Website</u>: makeitwithwool.com <u>Facebook</u>: National Make It With Wool

# WHAT FABRICS / YARNS CAN I USE?

- 100% wool or wool blend (<u>minimum</u> 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, sport coat, 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/or under linings may be fabrics other than wool or wool blends.

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

- All fabrics/yarns for the <u>Junior, Senior and</u> <u>Adult Divisions must be tested</u> for the percentage of wool content prior to the district or state competition. Testing is optional for all other age divisions/categories.
- Contact your state or district director for information regarding procedures, including testing fees, deadlines, etc. for your state.

# WHAT ARE THE JUDGING CRITERIA?

- Appropriateness to contestant's lifestyle.
- Fit and overall appearance.
- Coordination of fabric/yarn with garment style and design.
- 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.