

Arts and Crafts

Award Information, Rules and Regulations, Entry Information

To enter your art or craft, please read and review the Arts and Crafts Entry Information with Rules and Regulations at the bottom of the page.

Department H – 4H/Youth Club Poster/Exhibit

****All Youth and 4H Club members will be allowed to turn in exhibits in any class. Entries are judged by age division so please ensure you select your correct age division. If you also select the 4H division your entry will be judged based on age within the 4H division.****

Requirements:

- Effective message, (caption or title)—Short, catchy, appropriate, well worded, to cover subject and suggest action when appropriate.
- Draws attention—An attention getter that reinforces the main idea. Something unusual: motion, light design, and/or color.
- Hold attention—Tells a coherent, clear-cut one idea message quickly. Arouses curiosity about the subject. Has systematic arrangement, easy to follow to tell the story.
- Shows information about individual clubs—Shows what club members learned in projects and activities and how they applied this knowledge.
- Shows where assistance or more information about club is available.
- Presents pleasing appearance—Exhibit and material artistic, neat, and attractive with good balance.
- Uses explanatory material effectively—Size of charts, maps, place cards, and letters adequate. Material brief and easy to read.

Judging Criteria/Points:

- Effective message (15%)
- Draws attention. (20%)
- Hold attention, (25%)
- Shows information about individual clubs. (15%)
- Shows where assistance or more information about club is available. (5%)
- Presents pleasing appearance. (10%)
- Uses explanatory material effectively. (10%)

CLUB POSTER/EXHIBIT

H100. Best Poster or Exhibit

Rules and Regulations

Arts and Crafts Director: Sue Ellen Brown at artsandcrafts@chesterfieldcountyfair.org

The Chesterfield County Fair will be held on the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds located at 10300 Courthouse Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832, Friday, Aug. 28, 2026, through Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026. The fairgrounds will close each night at 11 p.m., while buildings close at 10 p.m. and ticket gates close at 9 p.m. (subject to change).

The CCFA will work out a tentative program for the fair so there will be the least amount of conflict between entertainment and attractions. To that end, there may be continuous programs running throughout the nine days of the fair. The Chesterfield County Fair Association reserves the right to close or prohibit any feature of the fair that is deemed inappropriate or objectionable.

Judging Rules and Regulations

1. Competition is open to **all** interested parties. 4-H Club members will be allowed to make exhibits in any class under their age division or in the 4H division.
2. Registration will be **online only** using [CCFA FairEntry](#) If you are unable to submit using Fair Entry, please send your list of entries, including, Department, Class, Description and Age/Division (Senior, Adult, Youth (17-14), Youth (13-9), Youth (8 & under), 4H member) to artsandcrafts@chesterfieldcountyfair.org by 8 p.m. on **Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026**.
3. **Quilts** are required to be delivered on **Tuesday, Aug. 25**, from 5 -8 p.m. judging on Wednesday, Aug. 26. **Quilts Only!**
4. **All other** entries are required to be delivered on **Aug. 27, 2026**, from **3- 8 p.m.** with judging to begin on **Aug. 28, 2026**.
5. Exhibitors are to remove items entered for judging on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. No person or organization will be allowed to take down their exhibit before the stated hour.
6. All entries in all departments must be the work of the exhibitor. Farm crops, vegetables, flowers, etc. must have been grown and prepared under the personal supervision of the exhibitor. All entries must have been made, grown, produced, drawn etc. during the past year (except quilts). Quilts must have been completed during the past year.
7. No professionals will be allowed to compete in a department which is associated with their profession, except for Department A. A professional is a person who makes items for sale or who teaches others for profit.

8. Exhibitors will report to the superintendent of each department who will check in items. The superintendent will present the items to the judges and make the proper entry of prize winners.
9. No exhibit will receive a monetary prize. Awards will be given on exhibits that meet the rules and guidelines in each department. The CCFA will secure the best judges obtainable, and they will be experts in their line.
10. Ribbons will be placed by the judges at the time of judging in each department. Decisions of the judges are final.
11. CCFA assumes no responsibility for damage or loss to exhibits whatsoever. CCFA will provide sufficient security from Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026, starting at 5 p.m. through Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026, until 1 p.m.

General Rules and Regulations for all Departments

1. All articles entered for exhibit must be the work of the persons exhibiting and must have been made/grown/produced/drawn etc. during the past year (except quilts). Quilts must have been completed during the past year.
2. Exhibitors are limited to one entry in any one class.
3. General rules for entry and removal of exhibits will apply to all departments.
4. Exhibitors will not be allowed to place their own exhibits on display. The department superintendent will handle this in an impartial manner to all.