



**FLORAL DESIGN
COMPETITION
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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ENTRY INFORMATION

Deadline: The entry deadline is Friday, **March 14, 2025.**

How to Enter: Entries can be delivered or mailed to the following address:

YMBL - South Texas State Fair
Floral Design Competition
7250 Wespark Circle
Beaumont, Texas 77705

- Incorrect or incomplete information on the entry form may result in disqualification of the entry or a delay in issuing awards.
- Each entry must include the competitor's mailing address, phone number, and email address. Please refrain from using a teacher or advisor's contact information.
- Submission of an entry form means you agree that the judge's decision is final, and you agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the YMBL South Texas State Fair (the "Show") Horticulture Competition.
- Include FFA/4-H or Career and Technical Education advisor's contact information on the Entry Form.
- It is the responsibility of the contestant/advisor to confirm that the entry has been received.

Division Criteria:

- Competitors competing in the Floral Design Competition must meet the following criteria:
- Competitors must be members of a FFA/4-H Chapter or CTE Program in either Jefferson, Hardin, Orange, Liberty, Jasper, Tyler, Newton, Chambers counties, or the High Island School District. Competitors must also reside in either Jefferson, Hardin, Orange, Liberty, Jasper, Tyler, Newton, Chambers counties, or the High Island School District.
- Entries are limited to one Entry per Competitor and **10** Competitors per FFA/4-H Chapter or CTE Program.
- Entries must be submitted by individual Competitors only; team entries are prohibited.

Entry Fees:

- The Floral Design Competition requires an entry fee of **\$25.00** per entry. Entry fees are non-refundable and must be in exact cash, cashier's check, or money order payable to the YMBL. **PERSONAL CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Entry Limit:

- Competitors in the Floral Design Competition may enter only one entry. A maximum of **50** Competitors may participate in the Floral Design Competition. Entries will be accepted on a first-received basis.
- The Show has the right to limit entries to facilities available. Entries will be dated as received, and entries received first will be given priority.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

Please read all guidelines carefully. If you have any questions, contact Patrick Anderson (415) 318-0762 or Chase Kiker (409) 656-7343, the chairpersons of the Floral Design Competition.

- The Show can refuse any entry with a severe disease or insect problem.
- No entries with copyright or licensing infringement will be accepted. If there is any reproduction, in whole or in part, of a registered trademark or work of another individual, the Show reserves the right to disqualify the entry.
- The South Texas State Fair is a family-oriented event. The Show reserves the right to disqualify any entry that, in the Show's sole judgment, is deemed inappropriate for family viewing, controversial, or in poor taste before judging and display.
- The Show will not be liable for entries made in error and will not re-open judging to accommodate such entries.
- All entries must be the work product of the individual listed as the Competitor on the Entry Form.
- The Show is not responsible for lost, damaged, or dead items. Small items, accessories, etc.... should be securely fastened to their container. Items of great sentimental value should not be used.
- Any entry not complying with all Competition Rules will be disqualified.

South Texas State Fair Admission:

- Competitors will receive a free Fair Admission allowing competitor to access the fairgrounds on the competition date. A Parking Pass and ticket for an accompanying adult will also be provided.

Consent:

Competitors agree to the following rules to participate in the Floral Design Competition:

- The competitor, teacher, and parent/guardian understand that as a condition of participation in the Floral Design Competition, they are granting the YMBL - South Texas State Fair permission to display the competitor's entry to photograph, film, or otherwise record the competitor's entry; and, to reproduce the competitor's entry in whole, in part, or composite. The competitor and parent/guardian waive and release all rights to inspect/approve the final product, and they release, discharge, and hold harmless the YMBL-South Texas State Fair from any liability by virtue of the use of the competitor's entry or images.
- While the Show takes every precaution to ensure the integrity of the entries, the YMBL - South Texas State Fair and the Floral Design Competition Committee are not responsible for the loss, theft, or damage of entries. Damaged entries will not be repaired.

DELIVERY

Entries must be delivered to the South Texas State Fair Exhibit Hall, 5115 IH-10 South, Beaumont, on **Tuesday, April 1, 2025**, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Competitors are to deliver their entry to the rear of the Exhibit Hall on the Northeast side. **(See attached map)**

- A Floral Design Competition Committee volunteer will meet competitors. The volunteer will direct the competitor to the check-in table. The entry must be set up by 12:15 p.m.

FLORAL DESIGN

Competitors must design an exhibit that embodies this year's theme, **"REFLECTIONS."** A creative floral design that you would see displayed in a hotel or office lobby.

DESIGN GUIDELINES

Competitors should review the design guidelines before preparing their entries. Questions may be directed to Patrick Anderson (409) 318-0762 or Chase Kiker (409) 656-7343, the Floral Design Competition Chairpersons.

- Theme Definition: A creative design containing material/s that reflect, give back image/s of light or other components to the viewer.
- Creative Floral Design: This is an art form. In this art form, creativity, imagination, and originality are essential. The designer is basically freed from all the constraints of Traditional Design Style
- Some elements of the entry should reflect or enhance the theme **"REFLECTIONS"**.
- Entry should be designed to be viewed from **all sides**.
- Reflective materials are placed to reflect light and/or engage the viewer visually with the reflective parts of the design.
- Reflective materials are an integral part of the overall design.
- The reflective material may be shiny metal, plastic, paper, pieces of mirror, mirrored objects, etc.
- Staging in front or on a mirror is NOT ACCEPTABLE.
- Artificial flowers, plants, and foliage **MAY NOT** be used in the entry.
- Flowers and foliage on the entry should be free of blemishes, insects, and disease. Flowers and foliage must be able to stay alive for at least 3 days from delivery time of entry.
- Entries will be displayed on a 32" round cocktail table with a black table cover. The Competitor is responsible for positioning their design on the table. Competitors are required to use the table covering provided by the Show. The table and covering provided are for display purposes only and will not be considered in the judging.
- Accessories (including, but not limited to, silverware, decorative items, placemats, books, and glassware) **MAY NOT** be added to the table setting.

- On a 5 x 8 card, Competitors must describe the use and purpose of their floral arrangement entry for the judges. (Display material will be provided)
- If the Competitor is unable to deliver their entry, they may have a designee place their entry on the table. Entry will be disqualified if, at the sole discretion of the show, it is determined that the designee has altered the design in any manner.

JUDGING

Two judges familiar with this type of competitive event will judge the contest. If you have questions about the judging criteria, please get in touch with Patrick Anderson (409) 318-0762 or Chase Kiker (409) 656-7343, the Floral Design Competition Chairpersons.

- All entries will be judged on a 100-point system and receive a score sheet.
- Judging will be based on the following five categories:
 - Up to 25 points for Design Aesthetics – Line/form, Color, and Greenery vs. Flowers
 - Up to 25 points for Design Principles – Balance, Focal Point, Proportion, and Unity
 - Up to 25 points for Mechanics/Execution – Neatness and cleanliness of design, proper foam coverage, sturdiness of design.
 - Up to 25 points for Creativity.
- Judging will take place **Tuesday, April 1**, at 12:30 p.m.
- Only Competitors and designees are allowed in the competition area before judging.
- No electronic devices are allowed during the competition.
- Only judges and Floral Design Competition committee members will be allowed inside the competition area while judging is in progress.
- Judge’s decisions are final. Protests will not be considered.
- Winning entries will be announced at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1**, and winning Competitors will be recognized. Awards may be picked up at this time. Winning competitors are **required** to be present to receive their cash award.
- Final results will be sent to your FFA/4-H or CTE advisors on **Wednesday, April 2**.

Should a competitor require any accommodations due to personal health or medical conditions, please inform chairpersons at least one (1) week before the competition date.

Patrick Anderson
 Floral Design Competition Chairman
 (415) 318-0762

Chase Kiker
 Floral Design Competition Chairman
 (409) 656-7343

AWARDS

The Show will host Awards Ceremonies as follows:

- Awards will be given out on **Tuesday, April 1**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Northeast corner of the Exhibit Hall.
- Competitors attending the Awards Ceremony may park in the designated area of the provided parking pass and can use the Fair pass provided to enter the Fairgrounds.
- Competitors placing 1st through 5th will be recognized.
- Ribbons will be awarded to those Competitors that place 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th place.
- Awards will be as follows:
 - 1st Place: \$40.00 (Ribbon and Buckle)
 - 2nd Place: \$30.00 (Ribbon and Buckle)
 - 3rd Place: \$20.00 (Ribbon)
 - 4th Place: \$15.00 (Ribbon)
 - 5th Place: \$10.00 (Ribbon)

SILENT AUCTION

The top **25** placing entries will be given the option to participate in the Silent Auction.

- The Silent Auction will begin after the awards presentation on **Tuesday, April 1**, and end at 9:00 p.m. on **Thursday, April 3**.
- Competitors will be notified on **Friday, April 4**, if their exhibit was sold or needs to be picked up.
- Silent Auction Sale checks must be picked up by their FFA/4-H or Career and Technical Education Teacher and distributed by them to their specific competitor. FFA/4-H or Career and Technical Education Teachers will be notified via email when Silent Auction Sale checks are ready for pickup. NO EXCEPTIONS.

PICK UP

At the conclusion of the awards ceremony on **Tuesday, April 1**, Competitors may pick up their entries if they choose not to participate in the Silent Auction.

- Competitors who choose to pick up their entries after the awards ceremony will be allowed to bring their vehicle to the back of the Exhibit Hall.
- Entries that do not sell in the Silent Auction can be picked up at the YMBL Office on **Friday, April 4, between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m.**
- Silent Auction winning bidders will have until **Friday, April 4, between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m.** to pick up their purchased arrangements at the YMBL Office.
- All entries not picked up by **3:00 p.m. Friday, April 4**, will be discarded.

