



## JUNIOR FINE ARTS

**ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025**

ENTRY FEE	AGES	SKILL LEVEL
One-Time \$25 per Exhibitor (13 - 17) One-Time \$5 per Exhibitor (12 & under)	17 & under	Youth
Divisions:		
Ages 5 - 6	Ages 7 - 9	Ages 10 - 12
Ages 13 - 17		
Exhibitors will be allowed entries throughout all the Erie County Fair Competitions. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Monday, July 28, 2025.		
<b>Tri-Color</b> is an honorary award chosen by the judge for the outstanding article among those entered in competition in each of our sections. \$25 & ELIGIBLE FOR BEST OF TRI-COLOR AWARD.		
1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE BLUE - \$5	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE RED - \$4	3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE YELLOW - \$3
<b>Entry Arrival:</b> Tuesday, July 22, 2025 or Wednesday, July 23, 2025 – between Noon and 8:00 PM		
<b>Entry Removal:</b> Wednesday, August 20, 2025 between Noon - 8:00 PM or Thursday, August 21, 2025 between 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM.		
<b>Prize Checks:</b> Available Tuesday, August 12, 2025 between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Creative Arts Info Desk along with satin ribbons earned. Checks remaining after this time will be mailed.		

**Please call the Competitive Exhibits office at 716-649-3900 ext. 6407 or email [ceoffice@ecfair.org](mailto:ceoffice@ecfair.org) with all questions.**

### **Junior Fine Arts Rules:**

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair and Creative Arts Department rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be registered by Friday, July 11, 2025.** Entries not registered will not be accepted. For more information see the Important Entry Information page at [www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org).
3. This section is open to exhibitors ages 5 - 17.
4. A junior exhibitor is limited to a total of two (2) entries in the Junior Fine Arts.
5. An exhibitor 13 & older must purchase a \$25 exhibitor fee, which includes three (3) admission passes to the fair **OR** if ages 5 - 12 must pay \$5.00 junior exhibitor fee (no promo codes will be issued to the fair as ALL KIDS 12 & younger are FREE at the Fair).
6. Items will be displayed as space allows and at the discretion of the Superintendent.
7. **Classes in divisions 1 & 2 (Painting & Other Mediums) must be framed unless the artwork is on canvas. Frame & canvas must be equipped with flexible picture hanging wire, fastened to screw eyes/D-Rings. NO SAWTOOTH HANGERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Artwork in a photo frame (with a kickstand) will not be accepted.**
8. **Photos must be mounted on 1/4" or 3/16" foam core. \*EXCEPT Classes #29 - 31.**
9. All artworks will be inspected upon arrival to make sure the artwork adheres to all rules & requirements (size, framing, etc.) If any artwork does not meet the requirements, it will not be accepted. Please go the website ([www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org)) to see tutorials on requirements.
10. **No** artwork or photography that is soiled will be accepted.
11. To note, the Fair accepts artwork from all individuals, regardless of ability. The category of 'Special Children of the Fair' no longer exists. The Fair is an integrated and all-inclusive event, and the exhibits exemplify this.
12. **Works shown in former years will not be accepted. All work must have been completed by the exhibitor in the last five (5) years.**

### **Judging Criteria:**

- All entries must follow the rules. Verify that the subject matter and the medium used fulfill the category listing.
- The presentation of the artwork or photo.
- Determine if the degree of difficulty is appropriate for the artist's maturity and ability.
- The uniqueness of the artwork. The use of the medium in a new way is not typical of the traditional, which represents the artist's thoughts about the work he or she is doing.
- The composition of the entries. Considering the elements of art used (line, texture, space, color, value, proportion, and shape).

Erie County Fair Dates: August 6 - 17, 2025



## CLASSES

### PAINTING – Oil, Acrylic, or Watercolor - 1

*Maximum Size 20" x 24"*

1. Abstract – nonrepresentational, 2 dimensional
2. Animal Portraits – 1 animal
3. Animal Story – 2 or more
4. City Scenes & Architecture
5. Human Figure – one or more figures, partial and/or full body view.
6. Flowers
7. Landscape – mountains, suburbs, rural
8. Portrait Person – close-up view
9. Seascape
10. Still Life
11. Miscellaneous – prints, silkscreen mixed media (2 dimensional), does not fit into an existing class.

### OTHER MEDIUMS - 2

*Maximum Size 20" x 24"*

12. Drawing, animal or figure done in pencil, ink, charcoal, pastel, or crayon
13. Drawing, portrait done in pencil, ink, charcoal, pastel, or crayon
14. Landscape/Seascape done in pencil, ink, charcoal, pastel, or crayon
15. Still Life or Flower Study
16. Animal or Human Figure
17. Picture made with Fair theme
18. Character picture (cartoon or animated), done in pencil, ink or charcoal
19. Original Design (use your imagination)
20. Digital Art

### PHOTOGRAPHY - 3

*Must be 8" x 10" \*except for classes 29 - 31 (4" x 6")*

*Must be mounted on foam core. See rule #8.*

21. Scene
22. Landscape, seascape
23. Portrait or Human Figure
24. Dog or Cat
25. Any other animal
26. Still Life or Flower Study
27. Fair Theme
28. Unique Photograph (nothing obscene)
29. Best Snapchat Filter
30. Best Instagram Photo
31. Polaroid Picture

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