

Youth Day Judging: This document is intended to clarify our judging policies for Youth Day 2024.



Different styles of judging:

- **Face-to-Face** style judging will be used for Younger Youth (B-17).
 - Exhibitors in grades K-2 individually discuss their project with a judge, learning the strengths and weaknesses of their project.
 - All exhibitors in this department earn a multi-colored ribbon, given to them when they meet with the judge.
- **Conference-style** judging will be used for all other Junior non-animal departments.
 - The exhibitors will conference with a judge. The judge should:
 - Help youth learn and improve through constructive comments
 - Recognize efforts and successes
 - Guide youth towards additional learning opportunities
 - Ask youth questions about their project
 - Take notes about their interaction and the quality of the exhibit
 - AFTER all items in a class have arrived the judge will compare items in each class, using their notes to award ribbons.
 - A chart of the Danish Rules for distributing placings will be available in each department binder. Judges should use it as a reference to help spread out the number of blue/first place ribbons, red/second place ribbons, white/third place ribbons, and pink/fourth place ribbons.
 - A blue ribbon means the exhibit is one of the very best.
 - A red ribbon means the exhibit is really good.
 - A white ribbon means the exhibit could use some improvement.
 - A pink ribbon means the exhibit needs much improvement.
- **True Danish:** **This is NOT our intention.** The number of blue, red, white, and pink ribbons handed out depends on the number of entries in the class. For example, if there are 8 entries, only 2 can receive a blue, up to 4 can receive a red, up to 6 can receive a white, and up to 8 can receive a pink.
- **Regular:** **This is NOT used for Junior exhibits.** Only the top four items earn a ribbon and premium. Items are ranked by comparison to each other.

Additional Awards: Each department binder will include information on eligible awards.

- Judge's Favorite rosette provided by the State Fair (see page 2).
- A Best of Show ribbon may be awarded in departments that are not eligible for the State Fair rosette. Including:
 - Vet Science & Small Animals
 - Plant & Soil Science
 - Flowers & Houseplants
 - Natural Science (perishable)
 - Younger Youth (A, B, C, K)
 - Cultural Arts (e, f, g, h, k, l)
 - Foods & Nutrition
 - Demonstrations & Presentations
 - Booths, Banners & Scrapbooks

State Fair Qualification

Judges in the following departments may choose to award, in each department they judge, one "Judge's Favorite" rosette. The exhibit must be under 5 feet high, 5 feet long and 5 feet wide. And be family friendly.

- Natural Science (B16) non-perishable only
- Younger Youth (B17) IF it also matches another eligible category.
- Cultural Arts (B18) drawing, painting, jewelry, ceramics, mixed media or other
- Photography (B20) black and white, color
- Computers (B21)
- Woodworking (B22)
- Electricity (B23)
- Mechanical (B24)
- Clothing (B26) sewing
- Stitchery (B27) quilting, knitting and crocheting
- Home Furnishings (B28)
- Family Living (B29)
- Leadership (B33)
- Health & Citizenship (B34)

Judges +/or Superintendents must enter identifying information onto the paperwork for the State Fair. This includes the exhibitor's first and last name, address, email and phone number. This information will be sent to the State Fair, regardless of if the exhibit is shown at the State Fair.

The parent of the exhibitor will receive the following packet of information:

- Project Drop-off Form
- Congratulations & information letter
- Delivery information
- Entry Form
- W-9 identification form

Parents may choose to exhibit the item at the State Fair, or not. Parents may work together to transport items to and from the State Fair. Occasionally someone in the region offers help transporting items. It is NOT the responsibility of the Northern WI State Fair.