



## Floral Cup

### Registration:

Deadline: September 5, 2025

Register online at [www.etstatefair.com](http://www.etstatefair.com)

Due to the overwhelming success of this competition – to ensure the proper flowers, greenery, and supplies are available there will now be a \$40.00 entry fee per contestant.

### Floral Cup Competition:

Check-in and Orientation – Friday, September 12 , 9:00 a.m.

**Each Participant must be present for Orientation.**

Competition begins at **9:45 a.m.**

### Committee

### Volunteers:

Contact Denise to volunteer or to donate flowers or vases: [denise@etstatefair.com](mailto:denise@etstatefair.com)  
903-597-2501

### Awards:

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3rd Place – Rosette and Floral Tools Top 20 Finalists – Floral Apron

### Sections:

Youth entries (ages 9 to 17 or still in High School)

## General Rules

- Every precaution will be taken in the handling and exhibiting of work; however, the East Texas State Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage, which may occur from any cause. Submission of entries implies acceptance of all conditions stated in these rules.
- The decision of the judges is final.
- Each contestant in the competition will compete individually with no assistance of any kind from others. No talking will be allowed during the specified design times.
- Contestants in any round of competition will be furnished identical boxes of materials, including fresh flowers, foliage, and supplies. Any containers or props needed will also be included for the Surprise Challenge.
- Each contestant should bring his/her own tools: knife, scissors, wire(s), tape(s), and wire cutters, etc.

## **First Round**

### **Interpreted Design Challenge: *End of the Year Banquet (Any Extra Curricular Group)***

The container you bring for your design will complement the theme.

## **Procedures**

### **General Procedures**

- Participants must attend the Orientation at 9:00 am before competition begins.
- The participant will have 45 minutes to design in this round. No basing, wiring, taping or gluing of floral product or foam will be allowed until the time begins.
- The first Design Challenge for all participants is announced in advance in the rules. For this Challenge, participants must bring a container for the floral design and may bring floral accessories to be included in the design. The East Texas State Fair will provide flowers and foliage for this round.
- Floral accessories brought for the first Design Challenge must be pre-assembled and ready for inserting into the design. The use of hot glue, electrical tools or other floral machinery is NOT allowed during the competition.
- Participants must provide floral foam if they choose to use it in this round.
- A size restriction of 30" x 30" square area, flower to flower, with height being unlimited will be strictly enforced. The participant must also be able to carry the arrangement without assistance.

## **Final Surprise Round**

In this round the participants will be read a surprise design situation and provided with all materials to complete the design.

- Top 20 participants from the first round will compete in a final surprise round.
- If the participant is not present when final round begins, they will be disqualified.
- Contestants will have 45 minutes to complete this round. No basing, wiring, taping or gluing of floral product or foam will be allowed until the time begins.
- The contestant may use only the materials provided by the fair.

## **Judging and Scoring**

- Judging will be based on 10 criteria.
- A score will be given by each judge. Each judge's score will be totaled and then averaged with the total scores given by other judges to determine placings.
- In the event of a tie, the judges will re-evaluate the Interpretative Design piece of the tied contestants for the consideration in artistic execution.

## **Judging Criteria:**

Category Interpretation

Creativity

Scale: (Proportional)

Unity: (Harmony & Texture)

Balance: (Physical & Visual)

Focal Emphasis

Line (Movement, Rhythm)

Depth

Color: (Balance, Harmony & Rhythm)

Mechanics: (Professional Application)