



Youth Fashion Show

Youth Fashion Show is designed to recognize the expertise of students in clothing construction or clothing purchasing



Contest Support provided by Smith County Extension Education Association

Contest Rules

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1. Constructed garments **must be constructed by the student** submitting the entry. Any assistance from others should be minimal and to offer guidance or suggestions, and **in no case**, should an adult do the construction of any part of the garment submitted as the student's work. Garments found to have been constructed by someone other than the registered student will be disqualified.
2. **Apart from the garment description portion, the worksheets must be completed by the registered student.** Teachers and parents may look over the worksheet and point out areas that need additional elaboration, but the words and thoughts must be those of the student submitting the project.
3. Remember that Worksheets count 40% for Construction, NonTraditional Construction, Design Embellishment, and Re-Design divisions. **In Smart Buying, Worksheets count 70%.** Worksheets often determine the winner in a category or division.
4. It is permitted and encouraged that a teacher or adult write the description to be used in describing the garment as it is modeled in the Fashion Show.
5. No item will be accepted for competition that is distasteful, suggestive, offensive, or controversial. **USE GOOD TASTE!!**
6. Any article may be entered that was bought or constructed during a one-year period prior to the Academic Rodeo, but not previously entered in the Youth Fashion Show.
7. Each exhibitor is permitted only **ONE entry** in the Fashion Show. The exception to this rule is that a Middle School or High School student may have a garment entry **AND** be a part of a Fashion Design Team.

LEVELS

There are 3 Levels of competition in Youth Fashion Show.

Elementary – Students in Grades 3 through 5

Middle School – Students in Grades 6 through 8

High School – Students in Grades 9 through 12

DIVISIONS

There are 6 **Divisions** in Youth Fashion Show:

Construction Division – The student constructs a garment and models the garment in the Fashion show. A student may add accessory items to the garment for the Fashion Show, but worksheets must be clear about what specifically was constructed. For example, if a student constructs a shirt, he or she will add jeans or a skirt for the Fashion Show, but the shirt will be judged for construction techniques.

Scoring:

Scoring in this Division is 40% for the garment's construction, 40% for the Worksheet, and 20% for Modeling at the Fashion Show.

Nontraditional Construction Division – The student completes a garment in a nontraditional way such as a garment constructed with duct tape.

Scoring:

Scoring in this Division is 40% for the garment's construction, 40% for the Worksheet, and 20% for Modeling at the Fashion Show.

Smart Buying Division – The student does comparison shopping before purchasing a garment which will be modeled in the Fashion Show.

Scoring:

Scoring in this Division is 70% for the Worksheet and 30% for Modeling at the Fashion Show.

CATEGORIES

Categories for the Construction, NonTraditional Construction, and Smart Buying Divisions:

a. Casual

Garment should be suitable for school and casual after school activities, such as spectator sports, picnics, and casual dates. Examples are pants, jeans, skirt, or shorts each with a top, jumpsuit, casual or sporty dresses, skirt or pants with casual/sporty jacket, school coat, and coordinated separates.

b. Dressy /Formal (2 Categories have been combined beginning with 2021.)

Garments should be suitable for dressy or formal activities such as dinner dates, theater, banquets, and job/scholarship interviews. Examples are men's suits or tuxedos, and women's suits, dressy dresses, and dressy coats, formal gowns, Bridesmaids' dresses, etc.

c. Specialty

Limited to athletic and special purpose garments. Examples are band, pep squad, and cheerleader uniforms; athletic garments such as jobbing suits, swimsuits, leotards, and skiwear; sleep wear; and theatrical and circus-type costumes such as clown suits and ballet costumes. Garments in this category should not be suitable for ordinary daily activities.

Awards in Construction, NonTraditional Construction, and Smart Buying:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd places are awarded in each Category of these Divisions at each Level. Students receive Place Ribbons and are invited to the Awards Celebration.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Overall Winners for each of these Divisions at each Level are awarded with those students receiving Medallions in addition to their Category Place Ribbons.

Students who do not place receive a Participation Ribbon.

Design Embellish Division – The student embellishes a purchased or constructed garment. The item is judged on the changes only and not the original construction. Entries are NOT separated by categories of Casual, Dressy, and Specialty as in the other Divisions. Instead, categories relate to the type of embellishment.

Categories for Design Embellishment include:

a. Paint Embellishment – Addition of artistic design elements to the garment using fabric paint

- b. **Novelty Embellishment** – Addition of artistic design elements to the garment using novelty notions such as sequins, beads, rhinestones, buttons, etc.
- c. **Trim Embellishment** – Addition of artistic design elements to the garment using ric-rac, lace, bias tape, cording, ribbon, etc.
- d. **Mixed Embellishment** – Addition of artistic design elements using a variety of elements (for example: paint and buttons; paint and cording, etc.)

Scoring:

Scoring in this Division is 40% for the design added to the garment, 40% for the Worksheet, and 20% for Modeling at the Fashion Show.

ReDesign Division – The student embellishes or changes a purchased or constructed garment. The item is judged on the changes only and not the original construction. Entries are NOT separated by categories of Casual, Dressy, and Specialty as in the other Divisions.

Categories for Re-Design Inspiration include:

- a. **Repurposed Garment** – Changes are made to an existing garment to alter its purpose. For example, a pair of jeans become a skirt, a casual dress becomes a formal, etc. Changes must be structural, **NOT** the addition of accessories.
- b. **Restructured Garment** – Major changes are made to the original construction of a garment to alter its look. Restructuring will often involve taking the original garment back to its individual pieces to make changes in shape or design of sleeves, bodice, skirt, etc. and then putting it back together in a different way for a completely new look.

Scoring:

Scoring in this Division is 40% for the construction changes to the garment, 40% for the Worksheet, and 20% for Modeling at the Fashion Show.

Awards in Design Embellishment and Re-Design Divisions:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd places are awarded in each Category of these Divisions at each Level. Students receive Place Ribbons and are invited to the Awards Celebration.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Overall Winners for each of these Divisions at each Level are awarded with those students receiving Medallions in addition to their Category Place Ribbons.

Students who do not place receive a Participation Ribbon.

Event Plan & Design Division – A team of up to 5 students in **Middle School or High School** plan theme and decorations for the Fashion Show using a budget and access to resources already on hand. Plan selected for the Fashion Show would be announced in advance, items would be purchased for the team to use, and the team would create the stage design under the supervision of the Support Partners.

Awards in Event Plan & Design Division:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded in the Event Plan & Design Division of each Level. The placing teams will receive trophies for the school and a place ribbon for each student on the team.

Students who do not place receive a Participation Ribbon.

Contest Procedures

- Plans for the Event Plan & Design Division, as well as the Student Registrations are due in November or December to allow time for judging and selection of the team that will decorate for the Youth Fashion Show in January.
- Worksheets for the other 5 Divisions are submitted to the Academic Rodeo Office by the deadline in January, which is one or more weeks before the contest. Note that a picture of the garment no larger than 4 x 6 is required with the worksheet.
- Construction, NonTraditional Construction, Design Embellishment, and Re-Design garments are also submitted at the same time as the worksheets.
- Each participant's entry in the Construction and Nontraditional Construction Divisions will be judged on construction techniques and quality (40 points), completed Construction Division worksheet (40 points) prior to the fashion show, and on fit and modeling presentation (20 points) at the Fashion Show.
- Each participant's entry in Smart Buying will be judged on completed Smart Buying Division Worksheet (70 points) prior to the fashion show and on fit and modeling presentation (30 points) at the Fashion Show.
- Entries in the Design Embellishment will be judged on design added and techniques used (40%), the worksheet (40%), and modeling at the Fashion Show (20%).
- Entries in the ReDesign divisions will be judged on the construction changes (40%), the worksheet (40%), and modeling at the Fashion Show (20%).
- Entries in the Event Plan & Design will be judged on the complete plan for the Youth Fashion Show decorations & layout – Design Plan, Budget, Responsibilities for completion of project. All teams will be presented at the Youth Fashion Show. Their designs will be on display.
- When possible, the order of student modeling and a diagram of the modeling arrangements will be sent to sponsors prior to the day of the Fashion Show.
- **Contestant's Arrival:** Contestants must arrive at the Fashion Show location by the set arrival time. In the event of illness or conflicting events which prevent at student from attending the fashion show, scores already received will be averaged with a zero for the modeling portion. Though unlikely in construction divisions, it is very possible for a student to place in the Smart Buying division in this way.
See the schedule for arrival time, time for photos, modeling practice, and the actual start of fashion show.
- Announcement of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category as well as Overall 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the five divisions for each grade level will be announced at the end of the Fashion Show.