



JUNIOR AG-GRANGE COMPETITION

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ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1, 2026

ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION CLOSES JULY 27, 2026

ENTRY DROP OFF AUGUST 10, 2026, 1PM-8PM at the AG-GRANGE BUILDING

Entry Fee: \$5.00 allows entries throughout Junior Departments in Creative Arts and Ag-Grange. ALL KIDS 12 & younger receive FREE admission every day at the Fair.

Ages: 5-12

Prize Checks: Available Tuesday, August 18, 2026, between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Ag-Grange Info Desk along with satin ribbons earned. Checks not picked up by Sunday, August 23, 2026, will be mailed.

***Checks are VOID 60 days from issue date and WILL NOT BE REISSUED. Ribbons will not be mailed.**

Junior Ag-Grange Competition Rules:

1. Please read and abide by all the Erie County Fair rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be registered by Monday, July 27, 2026.** For more information see the Important Entry Information page at www.ecfair.org.
3. Anyone 5-12 years old is eligible to enter this competition.
4. Variety names should be included to help educate the Fair guests.
5. To minimize errors, exhibitors must affix the correct entry tag with exact variety name written on the front, securely to every entry. If an article is not brought in, the entry tag for that article must be returned to the Superintendent/Check-In Staff.
6. All perishable produce becomes the property of The Fairgrounds to be donated to the local food pantry at the end of the Fair.
7. Only one entry allowed per class.
8. Upon arrival, ANY class changes to the entry tags need to be made by the superintendent at the table where it is received.
9. All articles for exhibition must remain on the grounds according to the rules of each department or forfeit their premium unless excused by the Fair Manager of the Society.

Judging Criteria

Excellent	Good	Worthy	No Award
Clean Free from any damage Very uniform in size, shape, color and maturity (not over 10% variation, or not noticeable) Of best market size and quality True to variety type	Free from damage (loss no more than 5% of the total weight of the vegetable Relative uniform in size, shape, color and maturity (not over 25% variation) Of good market size and quality Fairly true to variety type	Fairly clean Free from serious damage and free of minor damage (loss no more than 10% of the total weight of the vegetable) Fairly uniform in size, shape, color and maturity (less than 100% variation) Of fair market size and quality	Dirty Seriously damaged by disease, insects or mechanical means Over mature Extremely different in size, shape or color Not satisfactory market size

JUNIOR AG-GRANGE COMPETITION CLASSES

Premiums Offered: 1st Place Blue \$5, 2nd Place Red \$4, 3rd Place Yellow \$3

Culinary Herbs-1

10 stems each displayed in a pint jar with water: no foliage below waterline.

1. Basil
2. Cilantro
3. Dill (foliage and green seed head)
4. Lemon Balm
5. Oregano/Marjoram
6. Parsley, moss curled varieties
7. Parsley, plain leaf varieties
8. Rosemary
9. Sage
10. Thyme
11. Any other not listed, specify type

Potatoes-2

1. Plate of 5, white potatoes
2. Plate of 5, red potatoes
3. Largest Potato
4. Best Plate of 5

Onions & Garlic-3

1. 3 Garlic Bulbs
2. 3 Leeks
3. 3 Shallots
4. 3 Onions, any Yellow Globe variety
5. 3 Onions, any Red Globe variety
6. 3 Onions, any White Globe variety
7. Any other onion variety not listed – 3 of a kind

Tomatoes-4

1. Slicing Tomatoes, Ripe - group of 3, stems removed
2. Slicing Tomatoes, Green – group of 3, stems removed
3. Grape Tomatoes, Ripe – group of 5, stems removed
4. Cherry Tomatoes, Ripe – group of 5, stems removed

Veggie Creatures-5

All materials used must be fruit or vegetable apart from fasteners.

1. Veggie Creature created by exhibitor 8 years old and younger

2. Veggie Creature created by exhibitor 9-12 years old

Extraordinary-6

1. Largest Pumpkin
2. Largest Winter Squash
3. Largest Muskmelon
4. Largest Heads of Cabbage
5. Abnormal/Mutant Vegetable, any Vegetable

Horticulture-7

1. Flowering Plants – Hanging Basket, 1 plant variety, 10” or Larger
2. Flowering Plants – Hanging Basket, mixed planting, 2 or more plant varieties, 10” or Larger
3. Flowering Plants – Window Box, mixed planting, 2 or more plant varieties, 18-24” length
4. Flowering Plants – Patio Pot, mixed planting, 2 or more plant varieties 8” or Larger
5. Foliage Plants – Hanging Basket, 1 plant variety, smaller than 10”
6. Foliage Plants – Hanging Basket, 1 plant variety, 10” or Larger
7. Dish Garden – One Fairy Garden, 10-14” diameter
8. Dish Garden – One Succulent Garden, 10-14” diameter
9. Dish Garden – One Cactus Garden, 10-14” diameter
10. Arrangements – Wild Flower Arrangement
11. Domestic Plant Arrangement
12. Holiday Arrangement
13. Herb Arrangement
14. Bean Jar Art (1 qt Jars)

Other Vegetables-8

1. 5 pods of Snap Bean, any variety. - $\frac{1}{4}$ ” stem left on
2. 3 Beets - **tops approx. 1”**
3. 3 Carrots - **approx. 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ ” stems**
4. 3 Radishes, tops on
5. 1 head Broccoli, **with green leaves on stem**
6. 1 Cauliflower, **leaves removed, stem trimmed to base of head**
7. 1 Brussel Sprout, **stalk with roots removed**
8. 1 Cabbage, any variety
9. 1 plant Swiss Chard, any variety
10. 5 stalks Rhubarb- tops off
11. 1 Kale- 6 leaves, bundled
12. Spinach, any variety, 6 leaves bundled
13. 1 Lettuce, any variety
14. 1 bunch Celery, roots trimmed off
15. 3 Cucumbers, any variety
16. 3 Pickles, any variety
17. 1 Eggplant, any variety
18. 3 pods of Okra
19. 5 pods of Green Peas
20. 3 Peppers, Sweet Bell type
21. 3 Peppers, Jalapeno
22. 3 Peppers, Red Hot Cherry
23. 3 Peppers, Hot Banana
24. 3 Peppers, any other variety not listed
25. 1 Pumpkin, any pie variety
26. 1 Pumpkin, Halloween Carving type

- 27. 1 Pumpkin, Decorative type
- 28. 3 Gourds, decorative any variety
- 29. 3 Pumpkins, munchkins
- 30. 1 Squash, Buttercup
- 31. 1 Squash, Butternut
- 32. 1 Squash, Blue Hubbard
- 33. 2 Squash, Yellow Summer type
- 34. 2 Squash, Zucchini type **maximum 6-8" long**
- 35. 1 Squash, Acorn
- 36. 1 Squash, any other not listed
- 36. 1 Muskmelon
- 37. 1 Watermelon
- 38. 3 Sweet Corn, any variety – **must be picked from the stalk with a strip of husk removed. Do not strip entire ear.**
- 40. Any other vegetable not listed – **limited to six (6) different entries, list on entry form what you are entering.**

Special Award

Budding Horticulturist Award

Donated by Westview Farms

Rosette & \$40 for outstanding entry chosen from classes 1-6

Special Award

Future Florist Award

Donated by Fernshaw Gardens

Rosette & \$40 for outstanding entry chosen from classes 7-13