



JUNIOR ARTS & CRAFTS COMPETITION

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ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1, 2026

ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION CLOSES JULY 13, 2026

ENTRY DROP OFF JULY 18, 2026, 9AM-3PM and JULY 21, 2026, 12PM-6PM

ENTRY REMOVAL AUGUST 26, 2026, 12PM-6PM and AUGUST 27, 2026, 3PM-7PM

Entry Fee: 13-17 years old \$25.00 allows entries throughout Departments in Creative Arts, Ag-Grange, and Environment and Sportsman. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Tuesday, August 11, 2026
5-12 years old \$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: 5-6, 7-9, 10-12 & 13-17

Prize Checks: Available Tuesday, August 18, 2026, between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Creative Arts 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 Arts & Crafts 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 13, 2026.** For more information see the Important Entry Information page at www.ecfair.org.
3. Anyone 5-17 years old is eligible to enter this competition.
4. A junior exhibitor is limited to a total of two (2) entries in the Junior Home Arts. One entry per class per exhibitor.
5. **No entry exceeding in overall size of 36" x 36" will be accepted** unless otherwise specified.
6. **Note:** Size restraints in some classes.
7. An exhibitor 13 & older must purchase a \$25.00 exhibitor ticket, which includes three (3) admissions to the Fair **OR** if ages 5 - 12 must pay \$5 junior entry fee (no passes to the Fair as ALL KIDS 12 & younger are FREE at the Fair).
8. Items will be displayed as space allows and at the discretion of the Superintendent.
9. **NO items that are soiled will be accepted.**
10. All work must have been done by the exhibitor **within the last five (5) years.**
11. **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.

Judging Criteria

- **Cleanliness** (Free from dirt & stains)
- **Originality**

- **Workmanship** (ex: needlework - uniformity of stitches, sewing - placement of seams, painting - edges and backs finished (no drips from paint), beading - beads in item should be tight or firm, glued items - no visible glue showing)
- **How items are finished** (Are the back and sides finished? Is the item secure for hanging?)

JUNIOR ARTS & CRAFTS COMPETITION CLASSES

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

Arts & Crafts-1

1. Calligraphy or rubber stamp art on fabric or wood – not to exceed 12"x14"
2. Paper cutting (can include rubber stamping); picture (not to exceed 8" x 10"), handmade card, handmade bookmark, handmade stationary, handmade ornament
3. Item made with Fair theme, within the last 5 years
4. Mobile not to exceed 12" in diameter x 24" in length
5. Recycled Item - Original designed item that is used as a decoration or for practical use. Made from recyclable material (e.g. Paper, plastic or metal)
6. Origami – not to exceed 12" x 12"
7. Real or Faux Stained Glass - sun catcher, leaded stained glass, picture frame, ornament – not to exceed 8" x 10" – all items must be original design
8. Decorated Flip Flop (use your own ideas)
10. Handmade Jewelry
11. Christmas Tree Ornament or Decoration, one
12. Christmas Item & Holiday Basket
13. Hand Painted or Rubber Stamped Shirt (original design)
14. Doll, one handmade
15. Stuffed toy
16. Paint by Diamonds - from a kit
17. Paint by Diamonds - original or freestyle design
18. Hand Painted Item
19. Leatherwork, carved or stamped – not to exceed 12"x 12" except for belts
20. Metal Article
21. Nature Crafts- Painted (rocks 12" x 14" max, slate 12" diameter, gourds - decorative)
22. Wreath - Any Type (No larger than 12" - 18" in diameter or standard size)
23. Ceramic Piece
24. Sculpting (Figures, pottery, clay items, starched material - dip & drape, etc.), no ceramic pieces allowed
25. Scrapbooking - photo books - maximum of 4 pages not to exceed 12" x 12" book size, gift tags, mini books, mini paper bag
26. Handmade Card or Invitation
27. Table Favors
28. Article, wooden any object, not to exceed 12" x 12"
29. Article, wooden toy
30. Article, wood burned not to exceed 12" x 12"
31. Room Boxes

Needlework Item-2

33. Needlepoint
34. Needlepoint (on plastic)
35. Embroidery, Cross Stitch
36. Fly tying collection (no more than 12)
37. Knitted or Crocheted
38. Fun fir yarn – handmade (e.g. scarf, hat, purse etc.)
39. Rubber stamped - handmade (e.g. pillow, pillowcases, stationery, card, window decoration (all items must be original design)
40. Fleece - other than clothing
41. Pillow

Quilts-3

42. Large Size – Minimum 70”x 90”
43. Medium Size – Minimum 60”x 60”, Maximum 69”x 89”
44. Small Size – Maximum 59”x 59”
45. Odd Sized – (e.g. 62”x 55”, 72”x 60”)

Clothing Design & Construction-4

46. Dress, short or long
47. Clothing made from fleece (e.g. vest, poncho, jacket, hat)
48. Accessory (belt, handbag, etc.)
49. Slacks, shorts, or skirt
50. Blouse, shirt or top
51. Woven article
52. Mask
53. Items made from felt; purse, bean bag, wall hanging (not to exceed 12” x 16”), picture frame (not to exceed 12” x 16”) – all items must be original design
54. Rubber - stamped item (purchased shirt)
55. Costume - Hand made