



JUNIOR COMMUNITY GARDEN 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: Ages 5-12, \$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.**

Community Garden 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)	Dirty Seriously damaged by disease, insects or mechanical means Over mature Extremely different in size, shape or color Not satisfactory market size

JUNIOR COMMUNITYGARDEN COMPETITION CLASSES

Premiums Offered: 1st Place Blue \$75, 2nd Place Red \$50, 3rd Place Yellow \$30

Community Garden Competition-11

1. School Gardens
2. Urban Gardens
3. CSA Gardens

This competition is the BEST collection of 8 vegetables labeled with the variety. Number of specimens per plate is the same as indicated in the single exhibit for that kind of vegetable. Please reference the Vegetable premium book to see how many of each variety should be plated.

Example: A collection could consist of 5 potatoes, 3 tomatoes, 2 zucchinis, 1 head of lettuce, 3 peppers, 1 broccoli, 1 eggplant and 3 cucumbers