



JUNIOR FINE ARTS 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 Fine Arts 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 one (1) entry per class and a total of two (2) entries in the Junior Fine Arts.
5. Items will be displayed as space allows and at the discretion of the Superintendent.
6. All artwork must be well-framed and have a hanger. See the "Selecting your Canvas" tutorial on www.ecfair.org.
7. ARTWORK SIZE MAXIMUM OF 24" (not including the mat and frame)
8. Drawings, pastels, charcoal, and watercolors should have frames, mats, and be protected with glass.
9. Oil and acrylic paintings should
10. All artworks will be inspected upon arrival to make sure the artwork adheres to all rules & requirements (size, framing, etc.) If any artwork does not meet the requirements, it will not be accepted. Please go the website (www.ecfair.org) to see tutorials on requirements.
11. No that is soiled will be accepted.
12. To 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.
13. Works shown in former years will not be accepted. All work must have been completed by the exhibitor in the last five (5) years.

Judging Criteria

Subject matter and medium fulfill the category listing

Presentation of the artwork or photo

Degree of difficulty is appropriate for the artist's age and ability

Uniqueness of the artwork; use of medium in a new, non-traditional way

Composition of the entry; elements of art used (line, texture, space, color, value, proportion, shape)

JUNIOR FINE ARTS COMPETITION CLASSES

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

Tri-Color: \$25 & Eligible for *Best of Tri-Color Award*

*Tri-Color is an honorary award chosen by the judge for the outstanding article among those entered in competition in each section.

Any Medium (paint, pencil, pastel)-1

1. Abstract-Non-representational, 2-Dimensional
2. Animal Study-Domestic or Wild Animals
3. Human Study-Portrait or Figure Drawing
4. Still Life-Flower Study, Food
5. Landscape-Includes Seascape and Cityscape
6. Digital Art-Graphic Design and Digital Illustration
7. Character-Cartoon or Comic Style
8. Miscellaneous-Prints, Silkscreen, Collage, Etc.