



SKILLED TRADES 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 at the
CREATIVE ARTS BUILDING
ENTRY REMOVAL AUGUST 27, 2026, 3PM-7PM

Entry Fee: \$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

Ages: 13 & Up

Prize Checks: Available Thursday, 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.**

Skilled Trades Competition Rules:

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair and Creative Arts Department rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be registered by Monday, July 13, 2026.** Entries not registered will not be accepted. For more information see the Important Entry Information page at www.ecfair.org.
3. Projects may be constructed as a group or individually but should be entered under 1 person's name.
4. Projects can only be exhibited at the Erie County Fair **ONE** time.
5. All projects must be painted or properly treated. Projects must be clean and in presentable condition even though they may have been used.
6. An original working plan or drawing, photographs showing stages of construction, and an itemized bill of materials are encouraged with each project.
7. Appropriate and safe display stands are to be provided for gates, panels, and other projects that need support. The completed project must be able to be free-standing.
8. Sharp edges and points are to be padded and/or covered as a necessity to prevent injuries.
9. Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered; however, the Erie County Fair and its officials are not responsible for any loss or damage to the project. Projects may be displayed outdoors.
10. All projects must be within 10' x 10' x 10' to be on display.
11. **Special precaution for exhibiting projects equipped with engines and/or batteries:** There is to be no more than two (2) gallons of fuel in any tank; the fuel tank cap is to be placed and sealed with tape; and the battery, if equipped with one, is to be disconnected. **This applies to engines in the exhibit.**

Judging Criteria

Workmanship	30 Points
Design and Materials Used	20 Points
Practicality	20 Points
Degree of Difficulty	15 Points
Finish	10 Points

SKILLED TRADES COMPETITION CLASSES

Premiums Offered: Division #1-5: 1st Place Blue \$50, 2nd Place Red \$25,
3rd Place Yellow \$10

Overall Division Winner \$250

Reserve Division Winner \$100

Machinery & Equipment-1

1. Mounted Tractor/Truck Equipment
2. Pull-Type Tractor Equipment
3. Spraying Equipment
4. Hydraulic Equipment
5. Shop Equipment
6. Electrical Equipment
7. Compact Equipment

Livestock Equipment-2

1. Gates & Livestock Panels
2. Squeeze Chutes & Restraining Equipment
3. Trim Chutes, Blocking Stands & Livestock Crates
4. Head Gates
5. Feeders
6. Self-Feeders & Creep
7. Other Livestock Equipment

Trailer-3

1. Small Utility Trailers – under 12'
2. Utility & Implement Trailers
3. Stock Trailers
4. Gooseneck Flatbed Utility & Implement Trailers

Home & Family-4

1. Barbeque Cookers or Smokers
2. Furniture – Indoor (Metal)
3. Furniture – Indoor (Wood)
4. Furniture – Outdoor (Metal)
5. Furniture – Outdoor (Wood)
6. Miscellaneous Yard Item (Metal)
7. Miscellaneous Yard Item (Wood)

Any Other-5

1. Any other project that does not fit in the classes above

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