

Creative Arts

Division 13

Calligraphy

**New Mexico State Fair
September 10 – 20, 2026**

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Albuquerque's Calligraphic Society
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Entry Dates

**FRIDAY, August 21, 2026
SATURDAY, August 22, 2026
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**ENTRY FEE: \$5.00
Fees are Non-Refundable**

Special Rules

1. Entries for judging may not have been submitted to a previous New Mexico State Fair exhibit.
2. All calligraphy within an entry must be original artwork created by the submitting artist.
3. Two-dimensional pieces, larger than 8"x10" must be mounted or framed and wired for hanging on pegs.
4. Three-dimensional pieces must fit in a standard display case.
5. This Escribiente sponsored event is open to all New Mexico residents.
6. The calligraphy within an entry may not be reproduced, copied, duplicated or transferred from the artist's original artwork by any means or method.
7. All lettering must be done by hand directly on various surfaces, ex: Wood, glass, fabric.
8. The non-calligraphic elements of the entry may be reproductions and will be judged as part of the overall artistic presentation of the entry.
9. The judges will determine qualification or disqualification of any entry in question. Judges may reclassify entries if needed.
10. If work is signed, it must be concealed during judging.
11. It is the responsibility of exhibitor to obtain copyright permission for any work containing copyrighted material.
12. One entry per class, except class 1, which may have 2 entries.
13. Precautions are taken for the safety of all entries, but in no case, will the New Mexico State Fair, the state of New Mexico, employees, contractors or volunteers be held liable for the loss or damages to any entry while in the Fair's possession. Participants are encouraged to carry their own insurance.

14. Participant recognizes that marketing of the Fair and its grounds requires use of photography and video. Participant hereby expressly grants to the Fair the irrevocable, assignable right and license to take, use and publish participant images and work without the need for any other approval. Images and work will not be used for profit.
15. Participants are responsible for picking up their own work or providing written authorization for pick-up by another individual.
16. **NEW:** Work must be picked up Tuesday, September 22, 2026, from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Any work remaining on the Fairgrounds after this date will be considered abandoned and shall become the property of the NM State Fair to be disposed of at its discretion.

Calligraphy Sections 392 – 396

Ribbon Awards

**1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place
Best of Show – Rosette**

Note: Best of Show will be awarded only in sections where there are **three (3)** or more entries.

Section 392:

Youth: 18 years and under

Section 393:

Beginner: 2 years or less experience

Section 394:

Intermediate: 2 years or more, but less than 5 years' experience

Section 395:

Advanced 1: 5-10 years' experience

Section 396:

Advanced 2: 10 years or more experience

Each Section will compete in the following classes:

Class 1-10

1. **Traditional Calligraphy** - Includes traditional and non-traditional materials in conjunction with calligraphy (i.e. pen and ink, gold leaf, decorated letters, watercolors, paste paper, pastels, fabric, photograph, hand-made paper, collage, etc.) Must be original. **Maximum two entries.**
2. **Miniature** – Traditional Calligraphy, same guidelines as #1, but no larger than 3"x3"x3".
3. **Non-Traditional Calligraphy and Lettering** – Innovative piece that maintains calligraphic integrity including two dimensional pieces. Must be original.
4. **Miniature** – Non-Traditional, same as #3, but no larger than 3"x3"x3".
5. **3-D Calligraphy** – Includes original work on such materials such as paper, glass and wood, etc.
6. **Miniature** – 3D Calligraphy, same as #5, but no larger than 3"x3"x3".
7. **Book** – Utilizing calligraphy in a one-of-a-kind book format.
8. **Miniature** – Book, same as #7, but no larger than 3"x3"x3".
9. **Mail Art** – Calligraphy sent in the mail (greeting cards, postcards, envelopes, etc.).
10. **Artists Trading Cards** – Size 2½"x3½", must be an original and must include calligraphy.