North Florida Fair
"Stars, Stripes & Fair Delights"
In honor of America's 250th Anniversary

The North Florida Fair AMERICA 250 CONTEST is made up of several departments and is open to Adults and Youth. Do you paint, sew, quilt, build furniture, decorate cakes or take photographs? Enter your most patriotic creations in any medium today!

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED! All entries MUST be pre-registered through the North Florida Fair website using the online ShoWorks system or on the Official Entry Form located on the website. "Official Entry Forms" may be mailed to the fair office or hand delivered and MUST be received in the office by 5:00 PM, Friday, October 15, 2026.
Any entry not pre-registered will not be accepted.
There will not be any walk-ins accepted on the designated receiving day.

Exhibits Received:
Friday, October 23, 2026 (10:00 AM-5:00 PM)- Building #4
Saturday, October 24, 2026 (10:00 AM-3:00 PM)-Building #4
Exhibits delivered after 3:00 PM will not be accepted.

Exhibits Released:
Monday, November 16, 2026 (10:00 AM-4:00 PM)-Building #4

General Rules:

- Entries in the Creative Living Departments are only open to residents in the following counties; Bay, Calhoun, Dixie, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsen, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Suwannee, Taylor, Wakulla, Walton and Washington.
- **ADULT** exhibitor eligibility: 17 years of age or older and are no longer enrolled in secondary (K-12) school.
- **YOUTH** exhibitor eligibility: Age categories are as follows: Youth (Grades up to 5); Youth (Grades 6-8); Youth (Grades 9-12).
- Items MUST BE CLEAN, complete (bounded, framed, stuffed, hemmed, etc. as applicable) and strictly handmade. All items entered must have NEVER BEEN SHOWN at the North Florida Fair.
- No items will be accepted by or returned by mail.

- **REGISTRATION:**
    - All entries MUST be pre-registered through the North Florida Fair website using the online ShoWorks system or on the Official Entry Form located on the website.
    - Completion of registration indicates you have read, understand, and agree to abide by ALL rules set forth in this premium book.
    - Online Registration will close at 11:59 pm on October 15, 2026. Exhibitors who have NOT pre-registered through the online system or submitted their entry forms by the deadline will NOT be eligible to show at the North Florida Fair, NO EXCEPTIONS will be granted.
    - ShoWorks confirmation receipt should be kept by the exhibitor for their records. Should any registration issues arise, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide proof of registration.
- A numbered tag with detachable stub is attached to every individual item delivered in person. This stub is your receipt and must be surrendered when you claim your items. Please make sure you have your stub for each of your items entered.
- An exhibitor may enter no more than two (2) items TOTAL in this Department.
- All items must be the original work of the exhibitor. FOR THIS CONTEST ONLY, items may have been completed within the last three (3) years. Items must be in good condition and not look worn, faded or torn.
- All items must be patriotic in nature. They may include elements of American history, the colors of the American flag, or symbols of America.
- All items that require hanging for display should be brought wired and ready to hang.
- A hand printed card or typed sticker containing the artist's name, address, phone number, email address and a listing of all media used on the item entered must be attached to the back of each item entered.
- Due to limitations of display space, items must not be excessive in size or weigh more than 50lbs.
- Best efforts will be made to display all items, but items deemed not fitting the patriotic theme will not be accepted. If there is not enough room to display all items, at least one item from each exhibitor will be displayed.
- The North Florida Fair reserves the right to reject any entry not considered suitable; no nude art will be accepted. Nothing inappropriate, distasteful or controversial or deemed unsuitable for family viewing will be accepted for display. Any items incorporating weapons of any kind will not be accepted for display.
- ***Paintings, photographs and drawings*** must be framed and equipped with wire for hanging, artwork using scotch tape, masking tape or adhesive hangers will not be accepted for display.
    - *Multiple photos in a frame are considered as one entry. However, only two photographs per frame will be accepted. Three or more photos in a frame will not be accepted.*
    - *Two-dimensional artwork is limited to 42" in any direction including the frame, if piece is framed.*

    - *Wet artwork will not be accepted (i.e. wet paint or glue).*
- ***Cakes, Cookies & Cupcakes*** will be the ONLY food items allowed in this Department.
    - *Dummy cakes or real cakes may be used. Use of dummy cakes is encouraged due to the length of exhibition and perishable nature of the product. If dummy cakes are used, it must be possible to reproduce the item using a real cake. Structural support for multi-tiered cakes may be used.*
    - *Each entry must be submitted on a sturdy base, not to exceed 32 inches. There is no height restriction.*
    - *Cake is to be covered and decorated with any edible material including buttercream, royal icing, fondant, gum paste, pastillage, marzipan, chocolate, etc.*
    - *Artificial materials and decorations may be used for overall appearance but only decorations made from food products will be judged. Wires, stamens and floral tape may be used with gum paste and sugar work flowers.*
    - *No fountains, lights, or candles permitted.*
    - *Entries will be judged on eye appeal, workmanship, technique, and degree of difficulty, creativity, use of color, artistic design, skill and overall appearance.*
    - *Please attach a 4 x 6 printed card to the entry to list food product mediums used (buttercream, royal, fondant, gum paste, pastillage, candy clay, gelatin, etc.) and techniques used if an explanation is necessary. Category must appear at the top of the card. Exhibitor's name is to be on the back of the card only. Information may be used during judging and/or displayed with entry*
- The North Florida Fair will take every precaution for the safety of all items but will not be responsible for loss of or damage to any item, or personal injury that is the result of exhibitor's participation in the North Florida Fair.
- Decision of the judges is final.
- Any item entering the competition may be photographed and used by the Fair for advertising.

AMERICA 250- DIVISIONS & CLASSES

Division A: PAINTING & DRAWING

Division B: SCULPUTRE, POTTERY, MIXED MEDIA

Division C: PHOTOGRAPHY

Division D: CROCHETING, KNITTING, EMBROIDERY

Division E: QUILTS

Division F: SEWING (Clothes, Accessories, etc.)

Division G: HANDICRAFTS (Leatherwork, Jewelry, Woodcrafts)

Division H: LEGOS

Division I: CONFECTIONARY ARTS (Cakes, Cookies & Cupcakes)

Awards will be determined by a Peoples' Choice Vote and awards will be placed Wednesday, November 11th at 4:00 PM.

Voting will begin Thursday, November 5th at 5:00 PM and will conclude Wednesday, November 11th at 2:00 PM.

PREMIUMS & AWARDS

1st Place- $100.00 & Ribbon
2nd Place -$50.00 & Ribbon
3rd Place -$25.00 & Ribbon

- **Statement to winners:** Premiums will be paid from the awards as marked in the judge's books and not from the ribbons that may be attached to the exhibits. Ribbons sometimes become misplaced. Premiums will be paid to winning exhibitors within 30 days from the closing date of the fair. Premiums will be mailed to the exhibitor at the address provided on the entry forms. All checks for premium monies awarded in connection with the Fair shall be negotiated by the recipient/payee within 90 days of the date on the check. If the recipient/payee fails to negotiate the check, all monies due to the recipient/payee shall belong to the Fair and the recipient/payee shall be deemed to have made an unconditional and irrevocable gift of said monies to the Fair. No checks will be reissued, no exceptions!