



South Dakota State Fair County Best of Shows

While it is called “County Best of Shows,” the South Dakota State Fair categories & divisions vary from ours. They do not accept perishable or antique exhibits, but they have 3 age divisions to enter, compared to our 2.

Many of our Best of Show exhibits will qualify to move on to State Fair, but others may be too grand to fit in the State Fair’s Best of Show booth. When that happens, alternate qualifying exhibits from the list below will be selected to proudly represent the Sioux Empire community in Horizons Hall at the 2026 South Dakota State Fair.

Exhibitors with items up for consideration will be notified and can accept or decline the honor to show at the State Fair. A representative from the Sioux Empire Fair will deliver the exhibits to the State Fair and bring them back afterward. Exhibits must be picked up from the Sioux Empire Fair office upon return from State Fair. Participants will be given more info on pick up instructions.

Attention & care will be given in the transport of the exhibits, but the Sioux Empire Fair Association Inc. and staff cannot not be held responsible for loss or damage due to any unforeseen incidents.

The areas available for entry at State Fair include:

Division 1 – Adult Division

1. Art, Any Medium
2. Canning, jellies/jams, pickles (one-half pint clear glass jar)
3. Child’s garment
4. Craft
5. Needlework – cross stitch, embroidery, knit, etc.
6. Quilted Wall hanging or pillow, any method
7. Photography

Division 2 – Junior Division

(18 years old & younger)

1. Art, Any Medium
2. Canning, jellies/jams, pickles (one-half pint clear glass jar)
3. Child’s garment
4. Craft
5. Needlework – cross stitch, embroidery, knit, etc.
6. Quilted Wall hanging or pillow, any method
7. Photography

Division 3 – Work of Senior

(Must be 65 years of age or older)

1. Art, Any Medium
2. Canning: jellies/jams, pickles (one-half pint clear glass jar)
3. Child’s garment
4. Craft
5. Needlework – cross stitch, embroidery, knit, etc.
6. Quilted Wall hanging or pillow, any method
7. Photography

2026 Horizons Hall Exhibitor Handbook for the South Dakota State Fair

See pages 34-35 for Department 379
County Fairs Best of Show



**NOTE: THE WOMEN’S BUILDING AT THE STATE FAIR
HAS BEEN RENAMED HORIZONS HALL**