



Youth Creative Arts STATE FAIR



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2025 Schedule

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| Deadline for Entries | Friday, September 5, 2025 |
| Deadline for School Entries | Tuesday, September 9, 2025 |
| Delivery for Quilt Show | Wednesday, August 28 - 30, 2025 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. & September 2, Noon to 3:00 p.m. |
| Delivery Dates for Creative Arts Entries | Friday, September 12, 2025, Noon - 6:00 p.m. & Saturday, September 13, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – Noon |
| Pick-Up Dates for Ribbons | Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. |

(Items must be picked up by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8. We do not have storage facilities and will be unable to hold items past this time. Items will be thrown away after Oct. 9.)

***Enter on-line at www.statefairva.org.**
Mail entry forms to: SFVA, Arts & Crafts, 13191 Dawn Blvd., Doswell, VA 23047.
Faxed entries will not be accepted.

The Youth Arts and Crafts competitions are divided into the following age divisions:

Age on September 1, 2025: Ages 5 – 8 Ages 9 - 13 Ages 14 – 18

You MUST provide birth date and correct age for the entry form to be automatically entered in the appropriate age division.

Youth Arts and Crafts Department Rules:

- State Fair General Rules apply to this department. By entering, you agree to read and abide by all State Fair General Rules and the rules of this department.**
- Use the General Competition entry form or use on-line registration. No late additions or alterations of entries are permitted. Mailed forms postmarked after September 5 for crafts.
- Individuals entering the Youth Arts and Crafts Department must be between the ages of 5 and 18. Articles entered must be the work of the youth competitor and must have been completed within the last year. No passes will be issued to individuals competing in this department.
- Only one individual may enter per entry form. Teachers and schools may enter items made by a group of students in the classes which specify group projects. The age of the oldest child participating will determine which age group to enter.
- List article on entry form according to DIVISION and CLASS. You may make only one entry per class with no more than **15** items entered all together in the creative arts department. As a competitor, you are solely responsible for deciding on the proper DIVISION and CLASS for your entry. **Entries improperly classified will not be changed or judged.** We reserve the right to accept or refuse an exhibit.
- No article will be accepted unless there is a DIVISION and CLASS covering it as listed in the Competition Guide. Articles entered in the "Miscellaneous" or "Other" classes must not fit in any class

listed elsewhere in the Guide. Articles entered in "Miscellaneous" or "Other" classes must be named and described on entry form.

7. Upon entry check-in, entry identification tags which will be made available to you to attach to your items. **No tags will be mailed.** You may add requested information to the back of the tag. If the item is original or unusual, please include that information on the BACK of the tag. Items consisting of multiple parts must be connected, mounted or stabilized in some way to keep all pieces together.
8. The Fair assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to exhibited items from any cause. Any insurance desired on an entry must be carried by the individual who entered it. No one will be allowed to set up, remove, handle or rearrange exhibits. Security will be provided. Every possible care will be taken to protect the exhibit and competitor's materials. All articles will be entirely under the control and jurisdiction of the State Fair of Virginia until after close of the Fair.
9. Where there is only one item entered in a class, a blue ribbon, if merited, will be awarded. Where articles are not worthy of first prize, judges may, at their discretion, award a ribbon of such grade as the article deserves.
10. Entries that do not receive a ribbon will not be displayed if space does not permit. Those entries will be stored until day of pickup. **No materials will be released before 9 A.M. Wednesday, October 8, 2025. The Arts Department will not be responsible for articles left after 6 P.M, Wednesday, October 8, 2025. We do NOT have year-round storage facilities; items will be thrown away after 6 P.M. on Wednesday, Oct. 8.**
11. Entries in this department may be mailed in instead of delivered in-person, but the Fair will not be responsible for any loss, damage or breakage. Packages must be received by **Friday, Sept. 12**. To have exhibit returned by mail, **return shipping instructions VIA The Arts Shipping Return Form must accompany the package** as well as \$15.00 to cover handling at the Fair and \$20.00 for return shipping (**\$35 total/package**). Ship items to: SFVA, Derby House - Arts & Crafts, 13191 Dawn Blvd., Doswell, VA 23047.

State Fair of Virginia

Two-Dimensional Fine Arts Scholarship

Division 1, class 1000

2025 Scholarship Awards

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| First Place | \$1,200.00 & Rosette |
| Second Place | \$ 800.00 & Rosette |
| Third Place | \$ 500.00 & Rosette |

- Open to:** Students in **high school or age 18 or under as of Sept. 1** across Virginia
- Medium:** Original, two-dimensional art (oil, acrylic or watercolor painting, line, charcoal, pastel drawing, etc.) appropriately mounted or framed. Artwork must have been completed within the last year.
- Originality:** All work submitted must be the original work of the student. If a work is found to be plagiarized, copied in its entirety or in intent, it will be disqualified. Computer generated art and photography will not be accepted at this time.
- Submission:** One artwork per student only. Entries are only eligible for scholarship competition once. New artwork must be submitted each year.
- Artist Statement:** Along with original piece, student must also submit a typed, one-page (500 words or less) artist statement. Pieces will not be accepted without artist statement.
**Identification: Student's name, home address and home phone number, school name and teacher name along with entry identification tag provided by State Fair, must be attached to the back of the work.*
- How to Enter:** **Enter on-line for \$1.00 per entry at www.statefairva.org** as if registering for any other youth arts & crafts competition. **Enter Division 1, class 1000.** Mail-in entry forms must be accompanied by a check made out to State Fair of Virginia to cover all entry to cover all entry fees per exhibitor.

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Three-Dimensional Fine Arts Scholarship

Division 1, class 1001

2025 Scholarship Awards

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| First Place | \$1,200.00 & Rosette |
| Second Place | \$ 800.00 & Rosette |
| Third Place | \$ 500.00 & Rosette |

- Open to:** Students in **high school or age 18 or under as of Sept. 1** across Virginia.
- Medium:** Original, three-dimensional art no larger than 2' x 2' x 2', weighing less than 20 lbs. Entry must have been completed within the last year.
- Originality:** All work submitted must be the original work of the student. If a work is found to be plagiarized, copied in its entirety or in intent, it will be disqualified. Submission: One three-dimensional artwork submission per student.
- Submission:** One entry per student only. Entries are only eligible for scholarship competition once. New artwork must be submitted each year.
- Artist Statement:** Along with original piece, student must also submit a typed, one-page (500 words or less) artist statement. Pieces will not be accepted without artist statement.
- Identification:** Completed student information form must be mailed or delivered with submission of artwork.
- How to Enter:** **Enter on-line for \$1.00 per entry at www.statefairva.org** as if registering for any other youth arts & crafts competition. **Enter Division 1, class 1001.** Mail-in entry forms must be accompanied by a check made out to State Fair of Virginia to cover all entry fees per exhibitor.

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Two-Dimensional Fine Arts Scholarship

Division 1, class 1003

2025 Scholarship Awards

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| First Place | \$ 300.00 & Rosette |
| Second Place | \$ 200.00 & Rosette |
| Third Place | \$ 100.00 & Rosette |

Open to: Students in **grades seven and eight** across Virginia

Medium: Original, two-dimensional art (oil, acrylic or watercolor painting, line, charcoal, pastel drawing, etc.) appropriately mounted or framed. Artwork must have been completed within the last year.

Originality: All work submitted must be the original work of the student. If a work is found to be plagiarized, copied in its entirety or in intent, it will be disqualified. Computer generated art and photography will not be accepted at this time.

Submission: One artwork per student only. Entries are only eligible for scholarship competition once. New artwork must be submitted each year.

Artist Statement: Along with original piece, student must also submit a typed, one-page (500 words or less) artist statement. Pieces will not be accepted without artist statement. Identification: Student's name, home address and home phone number, school name and teacher name along with entry identification tag provided by State Fair, must be attached to the back of the work.

How to Enter: **Enter on-line for \$1.00 per entry at www.statefairva.org** as if registering for any other youth arts & crafts competition. **Enter Division 1, class 1000.** Mail-in entry forms must be accompanied by a check made out to State Fair of Virginia to cover all entry fees per exhibitor.

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Virginia Outdoors Competitions & Scholarship

Division 3

NEW YOUTH – VIRGINIA OUTDOORS Competitions

Award: \$5, 1st place; Ribbons 1st-3rd

Class

- 3002 2-D art, depicting Virginia outdoors or nature (painting, drawing, digital)
- 3003 Photography, Virginia outdoors and natural resources
- 3004 3-D art, made from items in nature

GRAPHIC DESIGN SCHOLARSHIP – Division 1, Class 1005 2024 Scholarship Awards

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| First Place | \$ 800.00 & Rosette |
| Second Place | \$ 500.00 & Rosette |
| Third Place | \$ 200.00 & Rosette |

Open to: Students in **high school or age 18 or under as of Sept. 1** across Virginia

Medium: Promotional and educational infographic, flyer, brochure or poster (no larger than 18" x 24")

Originality: All work submitted must be the original work of the student. If a work is found to be plagiarized, copied in its entirety or in intent, it will be disqualified. Computer generated art and photography will not be accepted at this time.

Submission: One submission entry per student only.

Presentation: Submission should be educational, promoting Virginia Natural Resources including but not limited to: State Parks, outdoor recreation (DCR), Virginia wildlife (DWR), Virginia's historic landsites (DHR), Virginia's marine life, habitats and resources (VMRC), and/or Virginia's environmental quality (DEQ).

Student's name, home address, county, home phone number and school name. Identification will be removed for the actual judging process.

Delivery: **Infographics/flyers/posters should be delivered during normal Creative Arts Competition Delivery prior to the State Fair for judging.**

How to Enter: Enter on-line for \$1.00 per entry at www.statefairva.org as if registering for any other youth arts & crafts competition. Enter **Division 3, class 3005**. Mail-in entry forms must be accompanied by a check made out to State Fair of Virginia to cover all entry fees per exhibitor.

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Division 4:
PAINTING & DRAWING

NOTE: Due to space limitations, only mounted paintings & drawings will be accepted. No frames please!

Class

4001 Caricature, mounted
4002 Cartooning, mounted
4003 Charcoal, Pencil or Ink, mounted
4006 Crayon, mounted
4007 Oil Pastel/Chalk, mounted
4009 Oil Sticks, mounted
4011 Oil Painting, mounted
4013 Pastel, mounted
4014 Tempera or Acrylic, mounted
4016 Watercolor, mounted
4018 Scratch Board
4019 Colored Pencil, mounted
4020 Markers, mounted
4021 Mixed Media
4022 Barn Quilt on Wood
4024 Miscellaneous

Division 5: PAPER ART

Class

5001 Book Making
5004 Kites
5005 Origami
5006 Papier-mâché
5007 Pop Up Art
5008 Shaped or Sculpted Paper
5010 Scrapbooking (photo release form)
5011 Other Paper Art - please describe

Division 6: PRINTMAKING

Class

6001 Any Print Making (block, rubbings, Styrofoam, other)

Division 7: FIBER ART

Class

7001 Stitched Embroidery
7009 Crocheting
7010 Knitting
7011 Weaving
7012 Other Fiber Art - please describe

Division 8:
DECORATED WEARABLES

Should be in wearable form

Class

8001 Bags and Hats
8002 Shoes
8003 Sweatshirt
8004 Tee Shirt
8006 Other Decorated Wearable – please describe

Division 9: SEWING

Class

9001 Apron
9003 Dress
9006 Pillow
9007 Quilted Article
9011 Other article of clothing
9012 Quilts
9013 Handmade stuffed toy
9015 Costumes
9016 Other Sewing - please describe

Division 11:
CHALK PAINT

Class

1101 Any Chalk Paint Creation

Division 12: Clay - Fired

Class

1201 Functional
1202 Decorative
1203 Sculptural
1204 Hand Built
1206 Painted
1207 Other Fired Clay - please describe

Division 13: CLAY – NON-FIRED

Class

1301 Functional
1302 Decorative
1303 Sculptural
1304 Painted
1305 Other Non-Fired Clay - please describe

Division 14: SCULPTURE

Class

- 1402 Metal
- 1403 Any other-please describe

Division 15: WOODCRAFT

Class

- 1506 Woodturning, other
- 1512 Tools and Toys
- 1514 Boxes
- 1515 Woodburning
- 1516 Items made from a kit - Name
- 1517 Woodcarving
- 1518 Other Woodworking, not listed – please
Describe Woodcraft

Division 16: METALCRAFT

Class

- 1601 Hooks and hangers
- 1604 Signs
- 1606 Other metal, not listed – describe

Division 17: JEWELRY

Class

- 1701 Wirework – Hand crafted jewelry composed mainly of wire; such as wrapped, woven and knitted wire and chain mail jewelry. All components of the jewelry must be hand fabricated; no purchased chain, clasps, jump rings or other findings. Points will be added for exceptional design and craftsmanship. Points will be deducted for poor craftsmanship and purchased components.
- 1702 Metalsmithing - Hand fabricated metal jewelry such as rings, necklaces, bracelets, brooches, earrings featuring hand-made chain, hand-made clasps, bezel set stones, hand-fabricated lockets, cold and heat-formed metal components. All components of the jewelry must be hand fabricated; no purchased chain, clasps, jump rings or other findings. Points will be added for exceptional design and craftsmanship. Points will be deducted for poor craftsmanship and purchased components.

- 1703 Beaded - Hand crafted wearable and composed mainly of beads - strung beaded, bead weaving, bead embroidery. Purchased findings are acceptable in this category. Points will be added for exceptional design and craftsmanship. Points will be deducted for poor craftsmanship and unwearability
- 1704 Mixed Media - Mixed media jewelry and wearable art, featuring found and recycled objects. Wearable jewelry items composed of metal, fibers, plastic and resin, glass, wood, found objects. Hand fabricated functional components and findings will be more rewarded, purchased findings will be less rewarded. Points will be added for exceptional design and craftsmanship. Points will be deducted for poor craftsmanship.

Division 19: DOLLS – ALL DRESSED

Class

- 1901 Handmade Rag Doll
- 1903 Puppetry, Hand Held
- 1904 Doll Made with Natural Materials
- 1905 Other Doll, not listed - please describe

Division 20: POSTCARDS

Dimensions must be 4"x6" and include lines for mailing and return addresses.

Class

- 2002 Paper
- 2005 Other

Division 21: FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Class

- 2105 Wall or Door Hanging
- 2106 Hat decorated with dried, silk or crafted flowers
- 2107 Floral Arrangement, other - please describe

Division 22: MISCELLANEOUS

Class

- 2202 Batik or tie dye other than garment
- 2203 Leather Goods
- 2204 Stained Glass
- 2205 Other craft not listed - please describe

Division 23: SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Emotionally or Developmentally Challenged

Class

- 2301 Painting
- 2305 Decorated Wearables
- 2306 Sewing
- 2308 Clay Non-Fired
- 2309 Jewelry
- 2311 Flower Arrangements
- 2312 Photography
- 2313 Other - please describe

****Participants up to age 21 as of Sept. 1, 2024, will be allowed in Divisions 23 and 24. Youth Arts and Crafts only.

Division 24: SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Physically Challenged

Class

- 2402 Drawing
- 2405 Decorated Wearables
- 2406 Sewing
- 2409 Jewelry
- 2411 Flower Arrangements
- 2412 Photography
- 2413 Other - please describe

Division 25: FUN CLASSES!

Class 2501: Painting by Your Pet! *Any medium*

How creative is your pet? This is an opportunity to show your pet's creativity. Must be mounted and ready to hang. May include photo of pet with painting.

Class 2502: Shoebox House or Habitat

Bring your old shoebox to life by creating a shoebox house or habitat.

Yard Art!

Class

2503 Birdhouse, Birdfeeder or Butterfly House

2506 Plant Holder

2508 Other Yard Art – please describe

Duct Tape!

Articles constructed with duct tape. Creativity is the primary focus; other materials, besides duct tape, may be used minimally (i.e. as a base).

Class

2510 Clothing

2514 Jewelry, Accessory or Bag

2515 Other item not listed - please describe

Trash To Treasure (Recycle)!

All items must be made with recycled materials. Please name recycled material used.

Class

2516 Sculpture

2517 Jewelry

2519 Miscellaneous - please describe

LEGOS!

Use Legos to create a original sculpture; entries should not be recreated from a kit. Must be presented on a hard durable base to withhold structure weight. **Please make sure parts are secured and mounted on base. Bases should be no larger than 24" x 20".**

Class

2550 Mechanical (moving parts)

2551 Structural (no moving parts)

2552 Animals

2553 Any other

Literary Table Setting!

Create a table setting for two, with a theme based on your favorite book, imaging that you are inviting the main character to lunch.

Class 2530

Rules

1. All contestants must pre-register. Individuals only. Groups may enter under Division 31, group projects.
2. Enter early! Due to space limitations, only a limited number of entries will be accepted.
3. Include in the following in your display: actual book on which the display is based, menu of what you would serve for your character and yourself, and anything else that would make for a perfect lunch with your favorite literary character!
4. No food is permitted on table, with the exception of nonperishable foods.
5. No item in the display may be over 18 inches tall. View of other tables cannot be blocked.
6. All tables must be furnished by the participant (Card tables or 36" round).
7. Participants should provide tablecloths.
8. Only the contestants will be allowed in the table set-up are during set-up.
9. Complete instructions will be mailed after your entry form is processed.

Division 26: PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography Rules:

1. Only ONE entry per person per class. Amateur photographers only. Prints may be made by commercial printers. Besides basic post-processing such as adjustment of brightness, contrast, color and sharpness, digital manipulations are NOT allowed (except in Class 2018).

Photo must be entrant's own work and must have been taken since the previous year's State Fair.

NOTE: Due to display space limitations, exhibitors are limited to 3 pieces of photography total in Divisions 26A, 26B & 26C.

2. Description of Classes

Portraits: Depiction of a personality, head or full figure, posed or informal (not candid) where person is main interest.

Human Interest: Candid, people interacting, family moments

Scenic and Architectural: Landscapes, water, sunsets, buildings, roads, etc.

Garden: must include a person in a garden – either flower or vegetable

Plants: Flowers, plants - cultivated or wild, fruit, vegetables

Animals: Wild or domestic, pets, birds, insects

Children: Including babies

A Fair to Remember: Color and B&W photos depicting any aspect of state fair activity

Still Life: Inanimate objects, or life forms that don't move flowers, food, etc.

Humor: Make us laugh! Any subject; color, black and white, or alternative process may be used.

Digital Manipulation: Go digital! Any subject; digitally manipulated photograph. Manipulated image must be an original scanned work(s) of art by the exhibitor, with the finished work of art being designed as to not copy an original photograph or work of art by another person. The submitted work must reflect original intent by the submitting exhibitor.

3. All prints must be 5"x7" and matted or mounted on matt board with a **white mat finishing at an 8"x10"**. No framed photos, foam core or poster board. Any entries that do not follow the guideline for proper matting will be disqualified.

4. Guidelines for judging: a. Impact b. Composition c. Lighting d. Simplicity

Photographs that show children must be accompanied by a signed release from the child's parent or legal guardian. Please see page following entry form for waiver to be used.

Division 26A:

**Black & White
Class**

Human Interest

2602 (5" x 7")

Scenic and Architectural

2603 (5" x 7")

Garden & Plants

2604 (5" x 7")

Animals

2606 (5" x 7")

Still Life

2609 (5" x 7")

Division 26B:

Color

Class

Human Interest

2621 (5" x 7")

Scenic and Architectural

2622 (5" x 7")

Garden & Plants

2623 (5" x 7")

Animals

2625 (5" x 7")

Still Life

2628 (5" x 7")

Division 26C:

Class

2617 Humor (5"x7")

2619 Digital Manipulation (5"x7" -
COLOR)

****NOTE: Due to display space limitations, exhibitors are limited to 3 pieces of photography total in Divisions 26A, 26B & 26C, and all photos must be 5"x7" and mounted or matted. Push pins, binder clips, etc. may be used to hang photos.***

Division 31: Group Projects

Geared towards a single project created by multiple individuals in a group (i.e. 4-H club or school class). Must be entered under teacher's/leader's name and a group name; include participants' names/ages on entry form.

Class

3102 Quilt

3103 Painting & Drawing

3104 Scrapbooking

3105 Other group project, not listed

3106 Literary Table (follow rules on previous page)

Division 61: DIGITAL ART

Limit of Entries: Limit of one entry per student, per competition class.

Eligibility: Projects may be the work of an individual or group and done within the last year.

Submit a list of the names, birthdates, addresses and signatures of all students who worked on the project.

Submit list with the entry form.

Class 6101 2D Digital Art - Computer and Character Design, Fan Art

- Original computer-generated artwork, no clipart.
- Should be mounted on black, white or gray matte, flat board or foam core.
- Not to exceed 11" x 14"

Photographic Release for Entries in the State Fair of Virginia Arts and Crafts Competition

I am the parent or guardian of the minor named below, and I give _____ (State Fair competitor/photographer) the right to enter photographs of the minor named below in the State Fair of Virginia Arts and Crafts competition. Further, I understand that said photographs of the minor named below will be on public display for the duration of the State Fair of Virginia. I understand that the name and contact information of the child will be withheld from public disclosure.

Name of Minor: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Name of State Fair Competitor/Photographer: _____