



From Forest to Finish.



The Virginia Lumber Cup

A premier woodworking challenge for students



The Turman Group in Partnership with The Virginia Farm Bureau

Competition Guide:

Who:	What:	Important Dates:	Where:
<p>All middle school and high school shop or related programs, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFA • SkillsUSA • 4-H • Tech Centers 	<p>The Turman Group is supplying 1 free bundle of Appalachian hardwood lumber (approx. 2,000 sticks, size 5/4" x 7/8" x 6') to registered groups.</p> <p>Groups will design and build an original creation using the provided lumber.</p> <p>*150 bundles available</p>	<p><u>Sign up online by:</u> December 12</p> <p><u>Bundle pick up by:</u> January 30</p> <p><u>Project Deadline:</u> April 5</p> <p><u>Regional Finalists Announced:</u> April 24</p> <p>Winning Projects on display at The State Fair of Virginia: September 25- Oct. 4, 2026</p>	<p>Main Pick Up: Turman Salem 1972 Salem Industrial Dr Salem, VA 24153</p> <p>Alternative Pick Ups will be offered in the following regions with the assistance of community partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwest • Southside • Central • Valley • Northern • Hampton Roads / VA Beach • Eastern / Northern Neck

Purpose:

This competition allows participants to demonstrate knowledge and build skills related to woodworking and the forestry industry while celebrating Virginia's tradition of craftsmanship. This contest offers:

1. Free quality lumber to students
2. Hands-on experience with Appalachian hardwood
3. Recognition of student talent and shop programs across Virginia

Rules and Guidelines:

- Teams must register online by December 12th and secure their bundle from their regional pick-up location.
 - Specific location and pick up support information will be provided after sign up deadline
- Competition is open to all school and youth club groups. Groups are only eligible to receive one bundle per club or chapter.
- Contestants must be 19 years of age or younger to be eligible and compete in the events.
- Projects must be securely held together, freestanding and portable
- Projects will be judged against age group (Middle School vs. High School)
 - Mixed aged groups will be judged in the high school division.
- Projects will be judged within their Farm Bureau District to determine first place for middle school and high school respectively. Regional finalists will advance.

Judging:

- Regional judging committees will be scheduled for visits with groups between April 6 and April 20 to visit and score projects at a designated spot (i.e. school, club meeting, etc.).
- Regional committees, based on the 14 Farm Bureau Districts, will determine their regional winners for first place in middle and high school divisions.
- Pictures of the regional finalists will be shared online through a social media competition to determine overall champions as part of The Virginia Lumber Cup Showcase.
- *Rubric and Virginia Farm Bureau districts on following pages.*

Awards:

- Award value will be announced in late January. Monetary awards will be awarded to regional winners and top state winners in both the middle and high school divisions.

Display:

- Winners are invited to display their projects at the 2026 State Fair of Virginia at The Meadow Event Park, September 25 – October 4, 2026. Single day tickets will be provided to the winning teams.

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Virginia Lumber Cup Rubric

	0 Points	5 Points	10 Points	15 Points	20 Points	25 Points
Creativity & Originality <i>(Out of 25)</i>	Incomplete.	No evidence of creativity or originality.	Limited originality; design is mostly standard or copied.	Average creativity; familiar design but with a small unique twist.	Strong creativity with some originality.	Exceptionally creative and original concept; highly unique design.
Craftsmanship & Skill <i>(Out of 25)</i>	Unsafe or unfinished.	Poor craftsmanship; weak joints, rough surfaces, uneven work.	Average craftsmanship; noticeable imperfections.	Good craftsmanship; some detail given to finishing.	Very good craftsmanship; minor flaws, looks finished and professional.	Outstanding precision, excellent joinery, smooth finishing, strong durability.
Functionality & Usability <i>(Out of 20)</i>	Non-functional.	Barely functional.	Some functionality but not practical or durable.	Functional with minor limitations.	Fully functional, durable, and practical for intended purpose.	n/a
Use of Materials <i>(Out of 15)</i>	Does not follow contest requirement to use provided lumber.	Inefficient or wasteful use of materials.	Materials used in efficient and thoughtful way to create project.	Lumber and additional materials were utilized with efficiency, excellence and thoughtfulness.	<i>Additional 5 bonus points if approximately 75% or more of your project is comprised with the provided lumber (out of all materials used).</i>	
Presentation & Overall Impression <i>(Out of 15)</i>	Poor presentation or unfinished look.	Adequate presentation; lacks polish.	Good overall impression; well presented.	Exceptional presentation; project stands out immediately; professional look.	<i>Additional 5 bonus points if you share your project on social media and tag The Turman Group and The Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.</i>	

Out of 110 points