

DEPARTMENT 22- SPECIAL CONTESTS

Division 03-01



2026 Youth Fair Poster Contest



Theme: Growing A Nation

1. Exhibitors must be a resident of Pennsylvania.
2. One Entry per Person and must be registered under the youth's name.
3. There are three age categories: 8-11 years old, 12-14 years old, and 15-18 years old. Exhibitors must be in one of these age groups as of June 1st, 2026.
4. **Poster Size must be either 14" x 22" inches or 14 1/2" x 22" inches (Other sizes will not be accepted)**
5. This year's theme is "Growing a Nation".
 - a. Contestants are asked to submit artwork that depicts the important role Pennsylvania agriculture played in providing innovative processes and solutions that helped to grow our nation.
 - i. Exhibitors using other themes will be disqualified at the state level.
6. Judging Criteria:
 - a. Graphic Design & Art
 - b. Farming/Agriculture Aspects
 - c. Grammar/Spelling
7. Posters will be displayed in Horticulture Hall and may be brought in July 21st from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and July 22nd from 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. Use Gate 2 (Madison Ave at Richland Ave) to enter the exhibit.
8. Pre-Registrations via mail must be postmarked by June 30th or submitted online by July 17th. Walk-In Registrations will be accepted as well!
9. The York State Fair will submit the 1st place poster in each age division to the state for the state judging contest.
10. Posters must be entered flat.
11. Poster's will be evaluated on use of theme, visual appearance, and creativity in relation to the exhibitor's age.
12. No duplicate posters from previous years.

Class #	Age	Premiums				
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
1	8-11	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12
2	12-14	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12
3	15-18	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12