

Youth Division

Department J

Premiums: 1st \$4.50 | 2nd \$3.50 | 3rd \$3.00

Entry Deadline for Department J: Wednesday, August 20 at 12:00 pm

Department J Rules:

1. No exhibitor will be permitted to exhibit more than one article having the same entry code in this department.
2. Exhibitors must be between the ages of 9 to 18. Young children (5-8) enter their exhibits in Department K.
3. All exhibits must be entered in the name of the producer and must be produced during the previous 12 months or since the last operating Fair (September 6, 2024).
4. Exhibitors are encouraged by the judges to include a typed sentence or two regarding their entry item. This is not mandatory.
5. Exhibitor and their parent/legal guardian understands that perishable entries or items which have spoiled due to age, insect, bacteria or fungi may be removed any time after judging at the discretion of the Fair without notice to the exhibitor.
6. **ALL exhibitors and their parent/legal guardian are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the 2025 Rules and Regulations of Premiums & Exhibits provided in the Fair Book and on the website under Competitions/ Required Reading.**
7. Baked goods are to be dropped off only on Wednesday, September 3 from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm to ensure their eligibility and keep quality.
8. Home Sewing garments should be entered on a wooden or heavy plastic hanger.
9. Model Kits (including Legos) should either be one item or affixed to a board measuring no more than 1.5x1.5 L.
10. Judging for the Decorated Potato Contest will be based on originality, likeness and neatness.

Creating a Positive Experience for Youth Exhibiting at the Cabarrus County Fair:

Participating in the fair is a great opportunity for teaching youth responsibilities and decision making skills. It also provides the opportunity for the general public to learn and gain a new respect for many projects exhibited.

Though the judging process is a vital part of the county fair education experience, the learning comes from the entire experience — from preparation of the exhibit at home, to showing that the fair— not just a first place ribbon or premium.

Exhibiting good sportsmanship is not just for youth, it applies to all exhibitors, parents, grandparents, volunteers, fair supporters, spectators and everyone involved. Encourage your child to learn and follow the rules and to respect and accept judges final decision and the results with a positive attitude.

FAQ's for New Youth Exhibitors:

Do I turn in my physical item I'm entering when the Entry Form is due?

The Entry Deadline on August 20 at 12:00 pm is just for the entry form and W-9 to register. Refer to the Entry Drop Off and Pick Up information in the Fair Book for details on when to bring in your physical entry.

Premiums! What are they?

Premiums are the award monies paid out to our exhibitors for placing 1st-3rd in each class. Winners in these places also receive ribbons.

What if I don't want my premium and/or I don't wish to provide my child's social security number?

Parents may use their information for their child, if they prefer. Just make sure to write the child's name somewhere on the W-9 so the office knows the entry form it should coincide with.

Exhibitors have the option to let the Fair keep their premium. Just write somewhere on your entry form or the blank W9 that you do not wish to be paid.



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Entry Codes	Class	Description of Article
J-1-1	Fresh Vegetables	Gourds, Three
J-1-2	Fresh Vegetables	Pumpkins
J-1-3	Fresh Vegetables	Watermelon
J-1-4	Fresh Vegetables	Cherry Tomato, Best Pint
J-1-5	Fresh Vegetables	Red Tomato, Best Five
J-1-6	Fresh Vegetables	Okra, Ten Pods
J-1-7	Fresh Vegetables	Squash Yellow, Five
J-1-8	Fresh Vegetables	Sunflower
J-1-9	Fresh Vegetables	Unlisted Vegetable
J-2-1	Fresh Fruits/Nuts	Apples, Red Variety, Best Plate of 5
J-2-2	Fresh Fruits/Nuts	Muscadine White, Best Quart
J-2-3	Fresh Fruits/Nuts	Muscadine Black, Best Quart
J-2-4	Fresh Fruits/Nuts	Hickory Nuts, Best Quart
J-2-5	Fresh Fruits/Nuts	Black Walnuts, Best Quart
J-2-6	Fresh Fruits/Nuts	Pecans, Best Quart
J-2-7	Fresh Fruits/Nuts	Nuts
J-2-8	Fresh Fruits/Nuts	Unlisted Fruit
J-3-1	Canned Vegetables and Fruits	Canned Vegetable
J-3-2	Canned Vegetables and Fruits	Canned Fruit
J-4-1	Dried Foods	Dried Fruit or Vegetable
J-5-1	Canned Soft Spreads—No Freezer Type Spreads	Jams
J-5-2	Canned Soft Spreads—No Freezer Type Spreads	Jellies
J-5-3	Canned Soft Spreads—No Freezer Type Spreads	Unlisted Soft Spread
J-6-1	Canned Juices	Canned Juices
J-7-1	Canned Pickled Foods	Peppers
J-7-2	Canned Pickled Foods	Relish
J-7-3	Canned Pickled Foods	Unlisted Pickles

Entry Codes	Class	Description of Article
J-8-1	Bread/Cakes—Ages 9-13	1/4 Cake
J-8-2	Bread/Cakes—Ages 9-13	1/4 Cake from a Mix
J-8-3	Bread/Cakes—Ages 9-13	Cup Cakes, Six
J-8-4	Bread/Cakes—Ages 9-13	Decorated Cake
J-8-5	Bread/Cakes—Ages 9-13	Muffins, Six
J-8-6	Bread/Cakes—Ages 9-13	Bread— Sample
J-8-7	Bread/Cakes—Ages 9-13	Sweet Bread
J-8-8	Bread/Cakes—Ages 9-13	Biscuits
J-8-9	Bread/Cakes—Ages 9-13	Pie
J-9-1	Cookies—Ages 9-13	Bar Cookies
J-9-2	Cookies—Ages 9-13	Brownies, Six
J-9-3	Cookies—Ages 9-13	Dropped Cookies, Six
J-9-4	Cookies—Ages 9-13	Unlisted Cookies, Six
J-10-1	Candies—Ages 9-13	Fudge, 6-8 pieces
J-10-2	Candies—Ages 9-13	Peanut Brittle, 6-8 pieces
J-10-3	Candies—Ages 9-13	Unlisted Candy, 6-8 pieces
J-11-1	Bread/Cakes- Ages 14-18	1/4 Cake
J-11-2	Bread/Cakes- Ages 14-18	1/4 Cake from a Mix
J-11-3	Bread/Cakes- Ages 14-18	Sweet Bread
J-11-4	Bread/Cakes- Ages 14-18	Biscuits
J-11-5	Bread/Cakes- Ages 14-18	Cup Cakes, Six
J-11-6	Bread/Cakes- Ages 14-18	Decorated Cakes
J-11-7	Break/Cakes- Ages 14-18	Pie
J-11-8	Break/Cakes- Ages 14-18	Muffins, Six
J-11-9	Break/Cakes- Ages 14-18	Other Baked Item
J-12-1	Candies—Ages 14-18	Fudge, 6-8 Pieces
J-12-2	Candies—Ages 14-18	Unlisted Candy, 6-8 Pieces
J-13-1	Cookies—Ages 14-18	Bar Cookies, Six
J-13-2	Cookies—Ages 14-18	Brownies, Six
J-13-3	Cookies—Ages 14-18	Dropped Cookies, Six
J-13-4	Cookies—Ages 14-18	Unlisted Cookies, Six



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Entry Codes	Class	Description of Article
J-14-1	Home Sewing—Ages 9-13	Dress
J-14-2	Home Sewing—Ages 9-13	Sleepwear
J-14-3	Home Sewing—Ages 9-13	Skirt
J-14-4	Home Sewing—Ages 9-13	Vest
J-14-5	Home Sewing—Ages 9-13	Top
J-14-6	Home Sewing—Ages 9-13	Unlisted Sewing Item
J-14-7	Home Sewing—Ages 9-13	Wool
J-15-1	Handwork—Ages 9-13	Pillows
J-15-2	Handwork—Ages 9-13	Household Accessories
J-15-3	Handwork—Ages 9-13	Knitted Items
J-15-4	Handwork—Ages 9-13	Quilted Items
J-15-5	Handwork—Ages 9-13	Stuffed Articles
J-15-6	Handwork—Ages 9-13	Wall Hangings
J-15-7	Handwork—Ages 9-13	Accessory
J-15-8	Handwork—Ages 9-13	Hats
J-15-9	Handwork—Ages 9-13	Jewelry
J-15-10	Handwork—Ages 9-13	Hair Accessories
J-15-11	Handwork—Ages 9-13	Unlisted Handwork
J-16-1	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Ceramics
J-16-2	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Christmas Decorations
J-16-3	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Collage
J-16-4	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Collections
J-16-5	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Decorated Articles
J-16-6	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Leather Articles
J-16-7	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Metal Craft
J-16-8	Crafts—ages 9-13	Model, Kits, Any Other
J-16-9	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Model, Kits, Original
J-16-10	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Paper Craft
J-16-11	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Pictures, Acrylic
J-16-12	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Pictures, Charcoal
J-16-13	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Pictures, Drawings, Prints
J-16-14	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Pictures, Pastel
J-16-15	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Pictures, Watercolor
J-16-16	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Pictures, Any Other

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J-16-17	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Pottery
J-16-18	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Seed Craft
J-16-19	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Tie Dyeing
J-16-20	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Toys
J-16-21	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Wood craft
J-16-22	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Floral Design
J-16-23	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Photography—Black & White
J-16-24	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Photography—City & Landscape
J-16-25	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Photography—Nature
J-16-26	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Photography—Animals
J-16-27	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Photography—People
J-16-28	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Photography—Children
J-16-29	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Tin Punch
J-16-30	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Woodworking
J-16-31	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Clay Objects
J-16-32	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Creative Lettering
J-16-33	Crafts—Ages 9-13	Unlisted Craft
J-17-1	Home Sewing Ages 14-18	Blouse
J-17-2	Home Sewing Ages 14-18	Skirt
J-17-3	Home Sewing Ages 14-18	Dress
J-17-4	Home Sewing Ages 14-18	Unlisted Sewing Item
J-17-5	Home Sewing Ages 14-18	Wool
J-18-1	Handwork Ages 14-18	Household Accessories
J-18-2	Handwork Ages 14-18	Knitted Items
J-18-3	Handwork Ages 14-18	Quilted Items
J-18-4	Handwork Ages 14-18	Accessory
J-18-5	Handwork Ages 14-18	Jewelry
J-18-6	Handwork Ages 14-18	Unlisted Handwork



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J-19-1	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Basketry
J-19-2	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Ceramics
J-19-3	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Christmas Decorations
J-19-4	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Model, Kits, Any Other
J-19-5	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Model, Kits, Original
J-19-6	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Model, Kits, Vehicles
J-19-7	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Paper Craft
J-19-8	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Pictures, Acrylic
J-19-9	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Pictures, Drawings & Prints
J-19-10	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Pictures, Watercolor
J-19-11	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Pictures, Any Other
J-19-12	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Pottery
J-19-13	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Wood craft
J-19-14	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Floral Design
J-19-15	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Photography—Black & White
J-19-16	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Photography—City & Landscape
J-19-17	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Photography—Nature
J-19-18	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Photography—Animals
J-19-19	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Photography—People
J-19-20	Crafts — Ages 14-18	Photography— Pets
J-19-21	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Photography—Lightroom/Any Enhancing App
J-19-22	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Tin Punch
J-19-23	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Creative Lettering (Computer Design)
J-19-24	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Clay Objects
J-19-25	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Card, Handmade
J-19-26	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Scrapbook Page
J-19-27	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Brochure (Computer Design)
J-19-28	Crafts—Ages 14-18	Unlisted Craft
J-20-1	Decorated Potato Contest—Ages 9-13	Decorated Potato (Use Irish White)
J-20-2	Decorated Potato Contest—Ages 14-18	Decorated Potato (Use Irish White)

Recycled Entry Categories

Entry Codes	Class	Description of Article
J-21-1	Recycled Articles* Ages 9-13	Fair Theme
J-21-2	Recycled Articles* Ages 14-18	Fair Theme
J-21-3	Recycled Clothing* Ages 9-13	Clothing Item
J-21-4	Recycled Clothing* Ages 14-18	Clothing Item
J-21-5	Recycled Sculpture* Ages 9-13	
J-21-6	Recycled Sculpture* Ages 14-18	Sculpture

Recycled Entry Rules:

- Recycled Articles should consist of recycled materials that resemble something from the Cabarrus County Fair. (Examples: Livestock, rides, food, etc.)
- Recycled Clothing should be used to create a new usable product. (Examples: jeans or slacks to make a handbag or skirt, etc.)
- Recycled Sculpture should be made from plastic bottles, cans, corks or bottle caps, wire, wood, etc. to create a sculpture of any kind no larger than 3 feet in width or height.