



2026 Best in Show Competitive Exhibits



Rules and Regulations

Arts and Crafts entries can include, but are not limited to, paintings, furniture, woodworking, cross-stitch, metalwork, pottery, dolls and baskets.

Due to space limitations, exhibits must meet the following requirements:

- Exhibits larger than 40x25x25 inches in size are subject to not be accepted.
 - If your item is larger than this, contact the Fair Office ahead of submitting your entry form to confirm if the fair will be able to accept it or not.
- Quilts, Afghans, etc. may be displayed folded to meet size specifications.
- All drawings, paintings, photographs, etc. must be framed or mounted to support proper display.

**Each Department will award a Best in Show winner- \$20 premium. (Excluding Department C)
Department N will award a Best in Show winner for ages 9-13 & ages 14-18.**

**The winning items will be displayed in the Best in Show Booth for the entirety of the Fair and compete for the
Overall Best in Show.**

Overall Best in Show

1 Adult & 1 Youth item will be awarded "Overall Best in Show"

Premium: \$100.00—Adult

Premium: \$100.00—Youth

**Adult and Youth Overall Best in Show winning pieces, with permission from the exhibitor,
will be taken to compete at the
2026 North Carolina State Fair**

Fair Director Award

This award is given by the Fair Director to one lucky youth exhibitor within Department M or N.

Premium: \$ 50.00

Judging for these awards will take place Thursday, September 10th, 2026

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services regulates Fairs to ensure they meet minimum exhibit and premium requirements.