

# **YOUTH PHYSICALLY/ MENTALLY CHALLENGED EXHIBITORS ENTRY GUIDE**

## **Hello Summer!**

**Each exhibitor will receive two 2018 Alameda County Fair admission tickets at time of entry delivery**

**For Questions, please contact:  
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## Schedule

Category	Online Entry Deadline	Delivery Information	Release Information
All Categories for Physically or Mentally Challenged Exhibitors	April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Building P *same location as 2016* Friday, May 18 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. Saturday, May 19 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Building C—South Door Tues. July 10 <sup>th</sup> 12-8 p.m.

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## Physically or Mentally Challenged Exhibitors Rules

Please read competition guidelines: Changes are made each year.

- 1) Eligibility:
  - a) Open to residents aged 9-17 years as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Must be a resident of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, or Solano County.
  - b) The exhibitor must home prepare all entries within one year of the opening date of the fair. Items that have been shown at previous Alameda County Fairs are not eligible and will be disqualified.
  - c) The Fair Association reserves the right to refuse any entry or to refuse to display any entry considered not to be in the best interest of the Fair.
  - d) No entry will be accepted where an exhibitor prescribes conditions under which they will exhibit.
  - e) For projects made in school, please enter under the education department.
- 2) Entry Limits:
  - a) Please note all division and class limits.
  - b) All entries will be accepted unless the exhibitor is otherwise notified
  - c) Entry fees will not be refunded.
  - d) Entries which have a Special Competition category (duct tape art, loom art, perler beads, etc.) must be entered into those Special Competitions and will be transferred into those divisions when necessary.
  - e) Appointments are available for delivery of 10+ items on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 12-4 p.m. by contacting [entries@alamedacountyfair.com](mailto:entries@alamedacountyfair.com)
- 3) Presentation & Display:
  - a) The Fair will provide an exhibit tag. Please enter with the exhibitor's name as you wish it to appear.
  - b) Items that are soiled or showing wear will not be accepted or displayed.
  - c) Exhibits are displayed to interest the public and showcase the exhibits. The Alameda County Fair assumes total design control over the presentation of the exhibit.
  - d) Displays change every year. While entries will be secure, most items will be not be displayed behind glass or in cases.
  - e) All Quilts and Wall hangings must have a sleeve.
  - f) All flat paper items must be mounted on card stock or matte board.
  - g) Only canvas artwork may be framed and must be ready to hang with picture wire.
  - h) Fine art items may not be larger than 26 x 32" including frame.**
  - i) Creative writing must be uploaded to the entry registration system. The entries will be printed and displayed in a book during the fair.
  - j) Weight of entry is not to exceed 25 pounds without prior approval from [entries@alamedacountyfair.com](mailto:entries@alamedacountyfair.com)
- 4) Handling:
  - a) Greatest care will be exercised in handling exhibits, but the Fair Management, Alameda County Fair Association, and the County of Alameda will not be held liable for loss, theft or damage of any kind from any cause. Submission of any work constitutes an agreement to this effect.
  - b) No one but the judges and departmental personnel will be allowed to handle exhibits.
- 5) Judging:
  - a) Entries (with the exception of special competitions) are judged using the Danish System of Judging where exhibits are judged against a scorecard. There is the availability of multiple 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Every entry will receive a ribbon. All 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in a class will compete against each other for the Best of Class and all Best of Class within a division will then compete against each other for Best of Show.
  - b) Exhibits are judged by age group as well as by group (4-H vs. Open Youth vs. Other Youth Organization). There is a Best of Show available for each classification and age group within the division.
  - c) Qualified judges are selected by the Alameda County Fair. Judging decisions are final.
  - d) Judging results will not be given out by phone, mail, or email.
- 6) Ribbons:
  - a) Ribbons will be handed out at the time of entry pick up. When your exhibit tag indicates that a ribbon has been won, the ribbon is often not displayed—any ribbons won will be waiting for you when you pick up your item.
- 7) Entry Pick-Up
  - a) Exhibits may not be removed prior to the release day(s).
  - b) Exhibits may be picked up by anyone who has your claim check.
  - c) Exhibits not picked up on the release day(s) will be retained at the Exhibit Office at the owner's risk. There is a storage fee per exhibitor. The Fair Association will not be responsible for unclaimed exhibits and may dispose of remaining items at the start of the Labor Day Weekend.
- 8) Sponsored Awards:
  - a) Sponsored awards for all categories can be found on the youth sponsored awards page. Sponsored awards are chosen from eligible entries in the award categories. No special entry is required.
  - b) The Fair does not guarantee the payment of Sponsored special premiums and awards as they are secured in good faith.
  - c) Awards will be handed out at the Youth & Creative Living Awards ceremony. Award winners will be notified by email prior to the ceremony.
- 9) Definitions:
  - a) 4-H (Members of an Alameda County 4-H Club currently enrolled in this project).
  - b) Youth (Entries made by youth independent of 4-H or independent of other youth organizations).
  - c) Other Youth Organizations (Scouts, YMCA, AWANA, etc.)

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**Division 1548: Youth Entries By Physically or Mentally Challenged Exhibitors**

**Entry Fee:** \$1.50 Youth & 4-H ONLY

**Limit:** No Limit

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**Delivery Information:** Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 3-8 p.m. or Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 9-3 p.m.

**4-H 9-11 Years Old:**

- 11. Fine Arts & Photography
- 12. Arts & Crafts
- 13. Any Other (specify)

**4-H 12-14 Years Old:**

- 21. Fine Arts & Photography
- 22. Arts & Crafts
- 23. Any Other (specify)

**4-H 15-18 Years Old:**

- 31. Fine Arts & Photography
- 32. Arts & Crafts
- 33. Any Other (specify)

**Youth 9-11 Years Old:**

- 41. Fine Arts & Photography
- 42. Arts & Crafts
- 43. Any Other (specify)

**Youth 12-14 Years Old:**

- 51. Fine Arts & Photography
- 52. Arts & Crafts
- 53. Any Other (specify)

**Youth 15-17 Years Old:**

- 61. Fine Arts & Photography
- 62. Arts & Crafts
- 63. Any Other (specify)

**Other Youth Org. 9-11 Years Old:**

- 71. Fine Arts & Photography
- 72. Arts & Crafts
- 73. Any Other (specify)

**Other Youth Org. 12-14 Years Old:**

- 81. Fine Arts & Photography
- 82. Arts & Crafts
- 83. Any Other (specify)

**Other Youth Org. 15-17 Years Old:**

- 91. Fine Arts & Photography
- 92. Arts & Crafts
- 93. Any Other (specify)

**SPECIAL RULES:**

- Photos, paintings and drawings need to be mounted on matte board or card stock.
- Glass & Plexiglas should be removed from any frames before delivery.
- **\*NEW\*:** Creative Writing will be uploaded using the directions below. Entries will be printed and displayed in a youth creative writing book during the fair.
- Creative Writing instructions: Complete the entry process. After payment, select UPLOAD MEDIA option, and then follow prompts to upload the digital image file that matches the entry description. If you have multiple entries, please be very careful to upload the digital images in the SAME order that you entered the description with prices so that the creative writing pieces and the descriptions match.

Judging Standards:

- 10% **Ready for Exhibit**
- 25% **Design**
- 30% **Use of Materials**
- 35% **Creativity**
- 100%

Cash Prizes:

- (4-H & Youth Only)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$2.00**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$1.75**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$1.50**

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