



2024 ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

EDUCATION & SCHOOL PROJECTS

ENTRY GUIDE

No Entry Fee! No Entry Limit!

***Teacher Entry Spreadsheet Deadline:
Wednesday, April 24th @5:00 p.m.***

Each exhibitor who submits an image or entry for judging will receive an e-ticket (one per exhibitor regardless of the number of entries) good for one admission to the 2024 Alameda County Fair.

**Tickets will be sent to the e-mail on file prior to the opening date of the fair.
Tickets are good for any day the Fair is open.**

**For Questions, please contact:
entries@alamedacountyfair.com**

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Delivery Information

Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Deliver to Alameda County Fair's Administration Office

Enter through the front doors on Pleasanton Avenue

Release Information

Tuesday, July 9th 12:00-8:00 p.m.

Building R

Enter through Gate 12 on Valley Avenue

Pick Up/Drop Off Service for Teachers with 20+ Entries

The Fair will pick up and/or drop off for schools and/or teachers with 20+ entries.

Entries will be **picked up** at schools (date determined by location)

April 30th, May 1st, & May 2nd

Entries will be **returned** to schools/teacher determined location (including home)

(date determined by location)

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Education Department Rules

Submission of entry constitutes agreement to these rules.

1. Eligibility:

- a. The competition is open to Alameda County schools and programs (please contact for eligibility outside of Alameda County).
- b. The exhibitor must prepare all entries within one year of the opening date of the Fair.
- c. Items that have been shown at previous Alameda County Fairs are not eligible and will be disqualified.
- d. With submission of entry registration, exhibitor (or teacher) confirms their ability to deliver entry to the fair on the posted delivery date(s) and time(s). Late entries will not be accepted.

2. Entry Information:

- a. **Please email entries@alamedacountyfair.com to request a teacher entry spreadsheet.**
- b. The Fair will provide an exhibit tag using the information provided upon registration.
- c. Exhibit tags will be printed as entered during registration. Any changes to the entry title or category must be emailed prior to the posted registration deadline. Once the deadline has passed, no changes may be made to the title or category entered and the entry will be judged as entered.
- d. There are two options for entry (all exhibitors will receive one free admission ticket, judge comments, and a ribbon):
 - i. Virtual Entry:
 - Teachers upload entries into a provided Google Drive Folder.
 - Entries do not need to be matted or mounted.
 - Entries will be displayed virtually and accessed via QR code posted at the Fair.
 - ii. Physical Entry:
 - Teachers use the Pick-Up Service or deliver entries to the Fair.
 - Any physical entries submitted should have the exhibitor's name, school & teacher names, and entry title indicated on the back of the entry.
 - Display guidelines must be followed.
 - Entries will be displayed in Building R.

3. Display, Handling, & Presentation of Entries:

- a. The Fair Association reserves the right to refuse any entry or refuse to display any entry considered not to be in the best interest of the Fair. No entry will be accepted where an exhibitor prescribes conditions under which they will exhibit. Once submitted, all exhibits are under the direct control of the Fair Association and cannot be removed until the specified release day.
- b. 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.
- c. While entries will be secure, most items will not be displayed behind glass or in cases.
- d. Please be aware of all requirements including size, weight, and mounting instructions. Items that do not adhere to those requirements will be displayed virtually.
- e. Due to space limitations, some larger-sized entries may be displayed virtually.
- f. Upon submitting an entry for physical display at the Fair, the exhibitor (or teacher) agrees to pick up the entry after the fair on the posted release date.

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4. Judging & Awards:

- a. Entries are judged using the Danish System of Judging where exhibits are judged against a scorecard. There is the availability of multiple 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Every entry will receive a placing and a ribbon.
 - i. All 1st place winners in a class will compete against each other for the Best of Class and all Best of Class winners within a division will then compete against each other for Best of Show. Judges may choose to omit Best of Class and Best of Show if there are no qualifying entries.
- b. Qualified judges are selected by the Alameda County Fair. Judging decisions are final.
- c. Sponsored Awards:
 - i. Sponsored awards will be awarded from eligible entries. Each entry may only win one sponsored award.
 - ii. The Fair does not guarantee the payment of Sponsored Awards as they are secured in good faith.
 - iii. See Page 19 for available sponsored awards.

5. Ribbons:

- a. Ribbons will be handed out at entry pick up or Fair drop-off. 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 items.

6. 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. Items not picked up on the regular delivery date will be sent home with the entering teacher when possible
- c. Any unclaimed entries or ribbons will be held at the Exhibits Office until Labor Day. After that point, they will be discarded.

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Arts & Crafts School Projects

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Division 914 – Arts & Crafts (Physically Submitted Arts & Crafts Entries)

Division 998 – Virtual Arts & Crafts (Virtually Submitted Arts & Crafts Entries)

	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-10	Grades 11-12	
Class #	21	31	41	3-D Art, Except Ceramics
Class #	22	32	42	Ceramics
Class #	23	33	43	Mosaic, Collage, Assemblage
Class #	24	34	44	Any Other (crafts, woodburning, etc.)

Division 915 – Arts & Crafts Group Project (Physically Submitted Arts & Crafts Group Entries)

Division 999 – Arts & Crafts Group Project (Virtually Submitted Arts & Crafts Group Entries)

	Grades 6-12	
Class #	11	Arts & Crafts Group Project

Special Rules

- Entries must be clean, neat, and ready for display.
- Spray adhesives, rubber cement, and masking tape do not reliably hold. Please use permanent adhesive when possible.
- Weight limit: 25 pounds without prior approval.
- Divisions 998 & 999 (Virtually submitted, judged, and displayed entries) should be saved using the following model:
 - DivisionNumber_ClassNumber_FirstNameLastName_EntryTitle
 - Example: 998_34_KariEstabrook_Kitten Woodburning

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Elementary School Projects

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Division 930 – Elementary Arts & Crafts (Physically Submitted Elementary School Arts & Crafts Entries)

Division 970 – Virtual Elementary Arts & Crafts (Virtually Submitted Elementary Arts & Crafts Entries)

	Grades	Grades	
	TK-2	3-5	
Class #	01	11	3-D Arts & Crafts Entries
Class #	02	12	Collage & Assemblage

Division 931 – Elementary Educational Exhibits (Physically Submitted Elementary School Educational Entries)

Division 971 – Virtual Educational Exhibits (Virtually Submitted Elementary School Educational Entries)

	Grades	Grades	
	TK-2	3-5	
Class #	01	11	Science Projects
Class #	02	12	History/Social Studies Projects
Class #	03	13	Math Art
Class #	04	14	Any Other Educational Entries

Division 932 – Elementary Creative Writing (Physically Submitted Elementary School Creative Writing Entries)

Division 972 – Virtual Creative Writing (Virtually Submitted Elementary School Creative Writing Entries)

	Grades	Grades	
	TK-2	3-5	
Class #	01	11	Poetry & Short Stories

Division 933 – Elementary Painting & Drawing (Physically Submitted Elementary School Painting & Drawing Entries)

Division 973 – Virtual Painting & Drawing (Virtually Submitted Elementary School Painting & Drawing Entries)

	Grades	Grades	
	TK-2	3-5	
Class #	01	11	Drawings—Pencil and/or Colored Pencil
Class #	02	12	Drawings—Pen (Marker, Ink, etc.)
Class #	03	13	Drawings—Any Other (Crayon, Pastel, etc.)
Class #	04	14	Paintings—Watercolor
Class #	05	15	Paintings—Acrylic/Oil
Class #	06	16	Paintings—Any Other (Tempera, Spray Paint, etc.)
Class #	07	17	Combination of Painting & Drawing
Class #	08	18	Bubble, Resist, etc. Painting & Drawing
Class #	09	19	Directed Painting or Drawing

Division 934 – Elementary Group Projects (Physically Submitted Elementary School Group Projects)

Division 974 – Virtual Elementary Group Projects (Virtually Submitted Elementary School Group Projects)

	Grades	
	TK-5	
Class #	11	Elementary School Group Project

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Elementary School Projects Special Rules

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Physically Submitted Entries:

All Categories:

- Entries must be clean, neat, and ready for display.
- Spray adhesives and rubber cement do not hold well. Use dry mount or permanent adhesives when possible.
- Please include the student's first and last name, school, and teacher on the back of all entries.

Creative Writing:

- Creative Writing with an artistic element (watercolor poetry, for example) may be submitted physically provided it is properly mounted on mat board or heavy card stock.
- Physically Submitted Creative Writing is limited to one page.

Painting & Drawing:

- Maximum size: 24" x 36" (only canvas artwork should be framed & must be ready to hang with picture wire).
- Any non-canvas artwork that is framed may be displayed virtually if space is limited.
- All physically submitted flat art entries must be mounted on mat board or heavy card stock.
- Charcoal, pastel, and pencil drawings should be protected for handling by spraying with inexpensive hair spray or a similar spray fixative.

Science Projects:

- Science projects may include a poster board (maximum size: 18" x 22") or educational displays (cardboard or foam board bi-fold or tri-fold).

Virtually Submitted Entries:

All Categories:

- Entries should be saved using the following model:
DivisionNumber_ClassNumber_FirstNameLastName_EntryTitle
- Example: 973_14_KariEstabrook_WatercolorCat
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Creative Writing:

- Creative Writing entries should be submitted digitally via PDF into the Google Drive folder provided.
- Only the first two pages of creative writing will be judged.
- Creative writing only. Reports will not be accepted or judged.

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Fair Themed Art School Projects

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Division 926 – Fair Themed Art (Physically Submitted Fair Themed Art Entries)
Division 988 – Virtual Fair Themed Art (Virtually Submitted Fair Themed Art Entries)

	Grades TK-5	Grades 6-12	
Class #	11	21	Fair Themed Craft
Class #	12	22	Fair Themed Painting or Drawing
Class #	13	23	Fair Themed Poster
Class #	14	24	Fair Themed Any Other Project



Special Rules

- Entries in these divisions should showcase the 2024 Alameda County Fair Theme: That Summer Feeling.
- Entries must be clean, neat, and ready for display.
- Spray adhesives, rubber cement, and masking tape do not reliably hold. Please use permanent adhesive when possible.
- Weight limit: 25 pounds without prior approval.
- All physically submitted flat paper entries (paintings, drawings, posters, etc.) must be mounted on mat board or heavy card stock.
- Division 988 (Virtually submitted, judged, and displayed entries) should be saved using the following model:
 - DivisionNumber_ClassNumber_FirstNameLastName_EntryTitle
 - Example: 988_34_KariEstabrook_ThatSummerFeelingPoster

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Graphics School Projects

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Division 916 – Graphics (Physically Submitted Graphics Entries)

Division 981 – Virtual Graphics (Virtually Submitted Graphics Entries)

Grades

6-12

Class #	11	Calligraphy
Class #	12	Any Other Graphics

Division 917 – Computer Graphics (Physically Submitted Computer Graphics Entries)

Division 982 – Virtual Computer Graphics (Virtually Submitted Computer Graphics Entries)

Grades

6-12

Class #	11	Any Computer Graphics Entry
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Special Rules

- Maximum size: 24" x 36".
- All physically submitted entries must be mounted on mat board or heavy card stock.
- Spray adhesives and rubber cement do not hold well. Use dry mount or permanent adhesives when possible.
- Division 981 & 982 (Virtually submitted, judged, and displayed graphics) should be saved using the following model:
 - DivisionNumber_ClassNumber_FirstNameLastName_EntryTitle
 - Example: 981_32_KariEstabrook_CatLinoPrint

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Home Economics School Projects

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Division 913 – Home Economics (Physically Submitted Home Economics Entries)
Division 984 – Virtual Home Economics (Virtually Submitted Home Economics Entries)

	Grades	
	6-12	
Class #	11	Clothing/Clothing Accessories
Class #	12	Interior/Fashion Design Drawings
Class #	13	Any Other (bags, pillows, quilting, etc.)

Special Rules

- Entries must be clean, neat, and ready for display.
- Items that are soiled or showing wear will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
- All quilts and wall hangings should have a sleeve to accommodate a cross pole for hanging.
- All physically submitted interior/fashion design entries must be mounted on mat board or heavy card stock.
- Maximum size for interior/fashion design entries is 24" x 36".
- Spray adhesives and rubber cement do not hold well. Use dry mount or permanent adhesives when possible.
- Division 984 (Virtually submitted, judged, and displayed entries) should be saved using the following model:
 - DivisionNumber_ClassNumber_FirstNameLastName_EntryTitle
 - Example: 984_11_KariEstabrook_Pajamas

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Intellectual, Developmental, & Physical Disabilities School Projects

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Division 921 – Physically Submitted Entries by Students with Intellectual, Developmental, & Physical Disabilities
Division 980 – Virtually Submitted Entries by Students with Intellectual, Developmental, & Physical Disabilities

	Grades	
	TK-12	
Class #	11	ELL/RSP/SDC Students
Class #	12	CLS/FLS Students

Special Rules

- Entries must be clean, neat, and ready for display.
- All physically submitted flat art entries must be mounted on mat board or heavy card stock.
- Spray adhesives and rubber cement do not hold well. Use dry mount or permanent adhesives when possible.
- Division 980 (Virtually submitted, judged, and displayed entries) should be saved using the following model:
 - DivisionNumber_ClassNumber_FirstNameLastName_EntryTitle
 - Example: 980_11_KariEstabrook_CatPainting

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Literature Inspired Art School Projects

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Division 922 – Literature Inspired Art (Physically Submitted Literature Inspired Art Entries)

Division 985 – Virtual Literature Inspired Art (Virtually Submitted Literature Inspired Art Entries)

	Grades TK-5	Grades 6-12	
Class #	11	21	Literature Inspired Art

Special Rules

- This division is for entries inspired by/based on literature.
- Items may be flat or 3-Dimensional.
- All flat physically submitted entries must be mounted on mat board or heavy card stock.
- Flat art maximum size is 24" x 36".
- Spray adhesives and rubber cement do not hold well. Use dry mount or permanent adhesives when possible.
- Division 985 (Virtually submitted, judged, and displayed entries) should be saved using the following model:
 - DivisionNumber_ClassNumber_FirstNameLastName_EntryTitle
 - Example: 985_11_KariEstabrook_HarryPotterWand

Einstein Shape Art School Projects

No Entry Fee. No Entry Limit.

A new shape called an Einstein has taken the math world by storm.
The craggy, hat shaped tile can cover an infinite plan with patterns that never repeat.
What can you create with an Einstein?

Division 927 – Einstein Shape Art (Physically Submitted Literature Inspired Art Entries)

Division 986 – Einstein Shape Art (Virtually Submitted Literature Inspired Art Entries)

	Grades TK-5	Grades 6-12	
Class #	11	21	Einstein Shape Art

Special Rules

- Items may be flat or 3-Dimensional.
- All flat physically submitted entries must be mounted on mat board or heavy card stock.
- Flat art maximum size is 24" x 36".
- Spray adhesives and rubber cement do not hold well. Use dry mount or permanent adhesives when possible.
- Division 979 (Virtually submitted, judged, and displayed entries) should be saved using the following model:
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 - Example: 979_11_KariEstabrook_EinsteinShapeArt

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Miscellaneous School Projects

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Division 912 – Miscellaneous Projects (Physically Submitted Miscellaneous Entries)

Division 983 – Virtual Miscellaneous Projects (Virtually Submitted Miscellaneous Entries)

	Grades	
	6-12	
Class #	11	History/Social Studies Projects
Class #	12	Sock Monkeys
Class #	13	Other Projects

Special Rules

- This division is for entries with no other provided category.
- Exhibits may include a poster board (maximum size: 22" x 30" or educational displays (cardboard or foam board bi-fold or tri-fold).
- Written reports will not be accepted.
- All physically submitted entries must be mounted on mat board or heavy card stock.
- Spray adhesives and rubber cement do not hold well. Use dry mount or permanent adhesives when possible.
- Division 983 (Virtually submitted, judged, and displayed entries) should be saved using the following model:
 - DivisionNumber_ClassNumber_FirstNameLastName_EntryTitle
 - Example: 983_32_KariEstabrook_MarieAntoinetteSockMonkey

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Painting & Drawing School Projects

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Division 923 – Painting (Physically Submitted Painting Entries)

Division 996 – Virtual Painting (Virtually Submitted Painting Entries)

	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-10	Grades 11-12	
Class #	21	31	41	Watercolor
Class #	22	32	42	Oil/Acrylic
Class #	23	33	43	Painting, Other Media
Class #	24	34	44	Painting, Mixed Media

Division 924 – Drawing (Physically Submitted Drawing Entries)

Division 997 – Virtual Drawing (Virtually Submitted Drawing Entries)

	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-10	Grades 11-12	
Class #	21	31	41	Pencil
Class #	22	32	42	Colored Pencil
Class #	23	33	43	Ink
Class #	24	34	44	Drawing, Mixed Media
Class #	25	35	45	Scratch Art
Class #	26	36	46	Drawing, Other Media

Division 925 – Combination of Painting & Drawing (Physically Submitted Combo of Painting & Drawing Entries)

Division 989 – Virtual Combination of Painting & Drawing (Virtually Submitted Combo of Painting/Drawing)

	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-10	Grades 11-12	
Class #	21	31	41	Combination of Painting & Drawing

Special Rules

- Flat art only. Please enter 3-D art pieces under Arts & Crafts.
- Maximum size: 24" x 36" including frame (only canvas artwork should be framed).
- All physically submitted entries must be mounted on mat board or heavy card stock.
- Only canvas artwork may be framed and must be ready to hang with picture wire.
- Any non-canvas artwork that is framed may be displayed virtually if space is limited.
- Spray adhesives and rubber cement do not hold well. Use dry mount or permanent adhesives when possible.
- Charcoal, pastel, and pencil drawings should be protected for handling by spraying with inexpensive hair spray or a similar spray fixative.
- Division 996, 997, & 989 (Virtually submitted, judged, and displayed art) should be saved using the following model:
 - DivisionNumber_ClassNumber_FirstNameLastName_EntryTitle
 - Example: 996_34_KariEstabrook_PinkRose

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Photography School Projects

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Division 918 – Traditional Photography

	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-10	Grades 11-12	
Class #	21	31	41	Any Traditional Photography Entry

Division 919 – Digital Photography (Physically Submitted/Printed Photos)

Division 990 – Digital Photography (Virtually Submitted Photos)

	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-10	Grades 11-12	
Class #	211	311	411	Action
Class #	212	312	412	Architectural
Class #	213	313	413	Candid, Animal or People
Class #	214	314	414	Nature Study & Landscape
Class #	215	315	415	Portrait, Animal
Class #	216	316	416	Portrait, People
Class #	217	317	417	Scenes
Class #	218	318	418	Still Life
Class #	219	319	419	Special Effects/Composite
Class #	220	320	420	Commercial/Advertising Project
Class #	221	321	421	Fair Theme
Class #	222	322	422	Abstract
Class #	223	323	423	Photoshopping Abstract
Class #	224	324	424	Macro/Bokeh (extreme close-up)
Class #	225	325	425	Warped Perspective (fish eye, tilt-shift, etc.)
Class #	226	326	426	Color Emphasis
Class #	227	327	427	Tryptic

Special Rules

- Traditional Photography: Photos shot on film and developed by the exhibitor using wet chemical processing.
- Physical photo size must be 8x10 mounted on 11x14 mat board or heavy card stock. Photos may not be framed.
- Photos may not be entered in more than one class. Duplicate photos will be disqualified.
- Black & White and Color prints will be combined for judging.
- Minor edits to photos in all categories are allowed (cropping, red eye, brightness, etc.).
- Tryptic is 1 entry consisting of 3 images stacked or custom created in Photoshop and must all fit on one 11x14 mat board.
- Spray adhesives and rubber cement do not hold well. Use dry mount or permanent adhesives when possible.
- Division 990 (Virtually submitted, judged, and displayed photos) should be saved using the following model:
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 - Example: 990_314_KariEstabrook_PinkRose

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Wood School Projects

No Entry Fee. No Entry Limit.

Division 910 – Wood Turning

	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-10	Grades 11-12	
Class #	21	31	41	Any Wood Turning Entry

Division 911 – Wood Working

	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-10	Grades 11-12	
Class #	21	31	41	Furniture (bench, chair, table, etc.)
Class #	22	32	42	Any Other Wood Working Entry

Special Rules

- Kits are not allowed.
- Painted wood items should be entered under Arts & Crafts

Wood Project Pick Up / Drop Off:

The Fair will pick up and/or drop off wood projects for schools and/or teachers with 10+ entries.

Entries will be **picked up** at the school:

June 3rd

Entries will be **returned** to schools/teacher determined location (including home)

(date determined by location)

July 9th, July 10th, & July 11th

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Virtual Miscellaneous Categories (Grades 6-12)

Entries in these categories are submitted, judged, and displayed via Google Drive Folder
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Division 991 – Drafting

Class: 11 – Any Drafting Entry

Division 992 – Digital Drawing & Painting

Class: 11 – Any Digital Drawing and/or Painting Entry

Division 993 – Web Site Development

Class: 11 – Any Website Development Entry

Division 994 – Video/Animation

Class: 11 – Any Video/Animation Entry

Division 995– Creative Writing (Poetry & Short Stories)

Class 21: Grades 6-8

Class 31: Grades 9-10

Class 41: Grades 11-12

General Information for all Virtual Categories:

1. Entries will be submitted, judged, and displayed virtually via QR code.
2. Entries do not need to be matted, mounted, labeled, or conform to size restrictions.
3. All entries will receive comments from the judges and ribbons.
4. Exhibitors will receive one free general admission ticket upon submission of the entry (one free ticket per exhibitor regardless of the number of entries in this and non-virtual categories).

Web Site Development:

1. The home page must have the exhibitor's name and date last updated or posted. There should be at least three exhibitor-created pages (in addition to the home page) linked to the home page.
2. All non-original work (pictures, clip art, ideas, text, etc.) must be cited on the page they appear.
3. Websites must be public from the entry deadline through the end of the Fair.

Videos:

1. All work must be original and follow copyright laws.
2. Only the first 10 minutes of the video is guaranteed to be judged.

Creative Writing:

1. Creative Writing Only (poems, short stories, etc.). Reports will not be accepted or judged.
2. Only the first two pages are guaranteed to be judged.

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Education/School Project Sponsored Awards

We appreciate our generous sponsors for the awards for the 2024 Alameda County Fair!

All eligible entries will automatically be considered. Winners will be contacted via email in June.

Awards are secured in good faith. Awards are subject to change. The Fair does not guarantee sponsored awards.

Betty Hovenden—Retired Educator

Best Mountainscape

Best Seascape

California Watercolor Association

California Watercolor Award (3 awards: grades 6-8, 9-10, & 11-12)

Debbie Lindemann

Best Animal Photo (3 awards: grades 6-8, 9-10, & 11-12)

Dennis Tungate

Best Composition in Photography (3 awards: grades 6-8, 9-10, & 11-12)

Gary & Nancy Oehrle

Best Portrait of a Person (3 awards: grades 6-8, 9-10, & 11-12)

Livermore Art Association

Best Acrylic/Oil Painting (4 awards: grades TK-5, 6-8, 9-10, & 11-12)

Best Black & White Drawing (4 awards: grades TK-5, 6-8, 9-10, & 11-12)

Best Color Drawing (4 awards: grades TK-5, 6-8, 9-10, & 11-12)

Best Combination of Painting & Drawing (4 awards: grades TK-5, 6-8, 9-10, & 11-12)

Most Creative Drawing

Most Creative Painting

Micheli Family

Most Artistic Photography (3 awards: grades 6-8, 9-10, & 11-12)

Richard & Wanda Finn

Best Black & White Photography

Best Landscape Photography (3 awards: grades 6-8, 9-10, & 11-12)

Best Old Time House or Building Photography

Tri-Valley Writers CWC Tri-Valley Branch

Best Creative Writing (4 awards: grades TK-5, 6-8, 9-10, & 11-12)

Vicki Stephens

Best Action Photography

Best Macro/Bokeh Photography

Vincent Tanguay

Best Floral Photography

Best Still Life Photography

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