



Virginia 4-H Contest Guide – Fine Arts

Description of Contest

Fine Arts provides participants an opportunity to showcase their ability to draw and paint. Categories include the following:

Drawing Category

Mounted Class: Charcoal, lead pencil, colored pencil, pen and ink, ink print Framed Class: Charcoal, lead pencil, colored pencil, pen and ink, ink print

Painting Category

Mounted Class: Oils, acrylics, markers, oil pastel, chalk pastel, watercolor Framed Class: Oils, acrylics, markers, oil pastel, chalk pastel, watercolor

Levels of Competition

Unit (county), District

Age categories are as follows, using September 30th of the 4-H year as the determining date.

Juniors (ages 9-11) Intermediates (ages 12-13) Seniors (ages 14-18)

Awards to be Earned

The Danish awards system will be used at all levels of competition. Blue ribbons will be awarded to competitors earning 90-100 points; red ribbons will be awarded to competitors earning 75-89 points; white ribbons will be awarded to competitors earning 74 points or less.

Rules for this Contest

- 1. The articles entered must be the work of the youth competitor
- 2. All articles must have been completed within the last year.
- 3. Each participant is allowed only one entry per class.
- 4. Competitors are responsible for selecting the proper CATEGORY and CLASS for each entry.
- 5. On the back of the entry, attach a label with participant's name, age, school grade, 4-H Unit, and exhibit title.
- 6. All entries will be displayed during the competition and judged.
- 7. Each unit may submit five entries for each level (Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
- 8. The participant does not need to be present, but there is an option to be present and participate in Conference Judging. See "Other Guidelines, Suggestions, or Pertinent Information" below.

Educational Resources to Help Prepare for this Contest

"4-H Plus: Crafts and Fine Arts", University of Minnesota Extension, Available: http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/docs/art-crafts-PLUS.pdf

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Score Sheets for this Contest

"Southeast District 4-H Contest Fine Arts Score Sheet". Available:

http://www.ext.vt.edu/districts/southeast/district-contest/fine-arts-score-sheet.pdf

Other Guidelines, Suggestions, or Pertinent Information

At the District Contest, if the exhibitor chooses to be present on the day of judging, they are invited to participate in Conference Judging. This provides the opportunity for the participant to discuss their project (how it was made, what was learned, etc.) with a judge in and informal setting. If the exhibitor chooses this option, IT MUST BE INDICATED ON THEIR ENTRY FORM.

Sample YouTube Videos of 4-H Youth in This Contest

There are no videos available for Project Contests.

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