



STUDENT ART

2026 EXHIBIT GUIDE

OCTOBER 15-25
CANTEY BUILDING

FEATURED ART BY ASHLYN WANG, CHAPIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

2026 SC State Fair – October 15-25

Open Entry Registration: Jul 1 - Sept. 1 (entry registration must be received by September 1, entries received after this date will not be accepted)

Delivery Days – Enter North Gate

- Sunday, Sep 27 - 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- Monday, Sep 28 - 9:30 am to 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, Sep 29 - 9:30 am to 6:00 pm

Entry numbers of artwork **not displayed during Fair** will be posted to Judging Results page by Friday, Oct . 9

Winner names will be posted by Friday, Oct . 9

Student Art Winners Reception – Sunday, Oct 11 at 2:00 pm in the Cantey Building. (Winners and their parents and/or teacher are invited to the reception.)

Release of Exhibits – Enter North Gate

- **Wednesday, Oct 28 - 9:30 am to 6:00 pm *Only pick up day that overlaps with Fine Art.**
- Thursday, Oct 29 - 9:30 am to 6:00 pm

*Unclaimed exhibits become the property of the SC State Fair and will be disposed of or donated to charity.

DIVISIONS

- 2-Dimensional (2-D)
- 3-Dimensional (3-D)
- Photography
- GRADES K-12
- Inclusive Arts

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

- Entries must be registered during the Entry Registration Period (July 1 – Sept 1). Entry forms received after September 1 will not be accepted.
- Registration is online through the SCSF Website.
- Exhibits may be delivered by adult Exhibitor (parent/teacher), or another person designated by Exhibitor.
- Mailed or shipped exhibits will not be accepted.
- **STUDENT ART ENTRIES ARE JURIED, WHICH MEANS NOT ALL SUBMITTED ARTWORK WILL BE ON DISPLAY DURING THE FAIR. THE FAIR WILL POST THE ENTRY NUMBERS OF WORKS JURIED OUT DURING THE WEEK FOLLOWING JUDGING.**

FEES

No Entry Fee

TOTAL PREMIUMS OFFERED

\$1,515 (This figure does not include value of other awards, i.e., ribbons, rosettes, plaques, etc.)

PREMIUM CHECKS

- Premiums will be paid by check and mailed within thirty (30) days after the close of the Fair.
- Premium checks not cashed in ninety (90) days of issue date become void and will not be reissued.
- Lost or stolen premium checks will not be reissued past sixty (60) days of original issue date.
- No claim that a premium(s) has not been paid, or that there was a discrepancy in payment of the premium(s) won, will be considered when claim is made later than November 30 following close of the Fair.

RULES & REGULATIONS

- The South Carolina State Fair General Rules and Regulations shall apply. As an exhibitor in the SC State Fair, you agree to the following:
- I have reviewed and agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in the online 2025 SC STATE FAIR EXHIBITS GUIDE.
- Upon delivery of my entry, I acknowledge that others will be using said facilities and premises at the same time and that the State Agricultural & Mechanical Society of South Carolina, aka The South Carolina State Fair, is not responsible for the acts, property, equipment and animals of others or the acts or products of any concessionaire.
- I agree that photos of exhibits taken by official fair representatives may be used on the South Carolina State Fair website and social media outlets, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, etc.
- I acknowledge that the State Agricultural & Mechanical Society of South Carolina, aka The South Carolina State Fair, is not responsible for any loss, injury, illness, or damage to any animals or property or exhibit articles and that such understanding and agreement is a condition of my entry or exhibit.
- Further, I agree to and hereby indemnify the State Agriculture & Mechanical Society, aka The South Carolina State Fair, from any loss, injury, damage or claim of any third person

caused by any animal, exhibit, entry or property of mine or any act of anyone or mine acting on my behalf.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The exhibitor must be a living resident of South Carolina attending public, private, charter, or home school in grades Kindergarten - Twelfth grade (K-12). The exhibitor must be under the age of nineteen (19) and not graduated from high school.

ENTRY REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

Exhibitors should read the **2026 Student Art Exhibit Guide** prior to registration.

Online entry registration is the preferred method for registering entries. A link to the ShoWorks entry system is found on the SC State Fair website at www.scstatefair.org/competitions

Register one or more students using the Teacher or Parent name as the Exhibitor. Do not register the Student as the Exhibitor.

Online entry registrations are confirmed with a Confirmation ID at time of submission. Please print and bring your confirmation on Delivery Day with your artwork.

Exhibitors may opt to download a paper entry form, which should be completed and mailed to the address found on the entry form. To receive confirmation that the registration form was received, include a self-addressed, stamped, business size envelope with the entry form.

LIMITATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

- Limit one (1) entry per student; please be careful to list the correct spelling of each student name at time of registration as there will be no corrections made to entry tags, winner announcements, or checks.
- Students registering via their school/group may not register as an Individual.
- Duplicate exhibitor name entries will be juried out.
- An unlimited number of GROUP entries are permitted; however, only one (1) entry per student will be permitted. This means only one (1) 2-D or one (1) 3-D or one (1) photograph; a student cannot be registered in more than one Division or Section, nor may the same student be registered by different teachers or as an Individual.
- Only individual completed artwork will be accepted.
- No pieces completed by a group may be entered.
- Artwork must be original and have been completed in the last school year.
- Artwork must be LABELED (see Preparing Artwork for Delivery below).
- Teachers should jury their student artwork and not bring multiple quantities of the same lesson.
- Artworks are juried (selected for exhibition) and judged for awards.
- Works juried out (not selected for exhibition) will be stored in a safe location until claimed on the release dates.

PREPARING ARTWORK FOR DELIVERY

- Please check spelling of names and grade levels before submitting entry registration.
- There will be no substitutions for student artwork.
- Bring a copy of your entry form when delivering and claiming artwork.
- INDIVIDUAL artwork should be labeled on the back of artwork with the student's name, grade level, parent name, and phone. (SEE LINKS BELOW)
- GROUP artwork should be stacked by grade level.
- **LABELS:** Labels are found on the last page of this Guide.

- The label should be securely attached to the back of each student's artwork.
- If you do not use the label in this exhibit guide, any label that provides the same information is acceptable.
- This information should be printed legibly and match the data on the entry form.
- Do not attach labels to the front of artwork.

ENTRY TAGS should be attached to artwork upon delivery. Be sure to get your Claim Tag for artwork which will display the Entry Number.

AWARDS

PREMIUMS - 1ST – \$100

Best of Show in 2-D - Elementary Grades K-5

Best of Show in 3-D - Elementary Grades K-5

Best of Show in Photography - Elementary Grades K-5

Best of Show in 2-D - Middle Grades 6-8

Best of Show in 3-D - Middle Grades 6-8

Best of Show in Photography - Middle Grades 6-8

Best of Show in 2-D - High Grades 9-12

Best of Show in 3-D - High Grades 9-12

Best of Show in Photography - High Grades 9-12

TEACHER AWARDS

In appreciation of Student Art Teachers, the South Carolina State Fair is proud to offer an award to the teacher in each Division submitting the most student artwork in each Division:

- Elementary School Division – Grades K-5
- Middle School Division – Grades 6-8
- High School Division – Grades 9-12

HONORABLE MENTIONS (10 per class)

In addition to Fair Awards, the South Carolina State Fair is proud to recognize students with the following Merit Awards (Ribbons) in Grades K-12:

Kindergarten Honorable Mention (10)

First Grade Honorable Mention (10)

Second Grade Honorable Mention (10)

Third Grade Honorable Mention (10)

Fourth Grade Honorable Mention (10)

Fifth Grade Honorable Mention (10)

Sixth Grade Honorable Mention (10)

Seventh Grade Honorable Mention (10)

Eighth Grade Honorable Mention (10)

Ninth Grade Honorable Mention (10)

Tenth Grade Honorable Mention (10)

Eleventh Grade Honorable Mention (10)

Twelfth Grade Honorable Mention (10)

BARBARA WARD “LITTLE FLOWERS” MERIT AWARDS

Barbara Ward was beloved art teacher in Lexington 2 for 30 years. She called her students “little flowers”. This merit award will recognize one artist for exceptional work in florals in each level (Elementary, Middle, and High School). Winners will receive a \$20 prize.

CAROLINA WREN AWARDS

The Carolina Wren Award was established to recognize achievement in fine arts by students who have an intellectual or related physical disability. These artists have entered in the Inclusive Arts division. One winner per level will be chosen (Elementary, Middle and High School).

DIVISION 206: 2-DIMENSIONAL (2-D)

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- Maximum size allowed 22" x 28".
- No framed artwork.
- Artwork to be mounted securely on poster board, foam board, or mat board.
- Plastic mounting tags may be attached on the back for hanging.
- Labels should be attached to the back of artwork securely and correspond with the direction the piece should be hung.
- It is recommended that black poster board or mat board not be used because of the fair's black hanging panels.
- Not acceptable for hanging...
- construction paper or any lightweight paper
- cardboard
- framed artwork.

DIVISION 206 – 2-DIMENSIONAL (2-D) CLASSES AND PREMIUMS

Premiums - 1st – \$10, 2nd – Ribbon, 3rd – Ribbon

- 600. Kindergarten
- 601. Grade 1
- 602. Grade 2
- 603. Grade 3
- 604. Grade 4
- 605. Grade 5

Premiums - 1st – \$15, 2nd – Ribbon, 3rd – Ribbon

- 606. Grade 6
- 607. Grade 7
- 608. Grade 8

Premiums - 1st – \$25, 2nd – Ribbon, 3rd – Ribbon

- 609. Grade 9
- 610. Grade 10
- 611. Grade 11
- 612. Grade 12

DIVISION 207: 3-DIMENSIONAL (3-D)

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- Size - Bases for mounted sculptural forms can be no smaller than 5 inches and no larger than 24 inches.
- When gluing a piece to cardboard or mat board, the base should not exceed more than three (3) inches from the piece to the edge of the base.
- All mountings must be sturdy.
- Unmounted sculptural forms must be able to stand alone without wobbling or tipping over.
- Relief pieces such as masks, clay plaques, mosaics, etc. should have some form of hanging device firmly attached to the back of artwork.
- Mobiles or fiber hangings must also be equipped with a firmly attached hanging device.
- Labels should be attached securely to the bottom or back of artwork.

DIVISION 207 – 3-DIMENSIONAL (3-D) CLASSES AND PREMIUMS

Premiums - 1st – \$10, 2nd – Ribbon, 3rd – Ribbon

- 700. Kindergarten
- 701. Grade 1
- 702. Grade 2
- 703. Grade 3
- 704. Grade 4
- 705. Grade 5

Premiums - 1st – \$15, 2nd – Ribbon, 3rd – Ribbon

- 706. Grade 6
- 707. Grade 7
- 708. Grade 8

Premiums - 1st – \$25, 2nd – Ribbon, 3rd – Ribbon

- 709. Grade 9
- 710. Grade 10
- 711. Grade 11
- 712. Grade 12

DIVISION 208: PHOTOGRAPHY

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- Maximum size allowed 22" x 28".
- Black & white, color, hand-tinted, digitally altered photographs, and computer generated/digitally altered prints.
- Photos should be taken or manipulated by students without adult input.
- No framed photography.
- Photo to be mounted securely on poster board, foam board, or mat board.
- Plastic mounting tags may be attached on the back for hanging.
- Labels should be attached to the back of artwork securely and correspond with the direction the piece should be hung.
- It is recommended that black poster board, mat board or foam board not be used because of the fair's black hanging panels.

DIVISION 208 – PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES AND PREMIUMS

Premiums - 1st – \$10, 2nd – Ribbon, 3rd – Ribbon

- 800. Kindergarten
- 801. Grade 1
- 802. Grade 2
- 803. Grade 3
- 804. Grade 4
- 805. Grade 5

Premiums - 1st – \$15, 2nd – Ribbon, 3rd – Ribbon

- 806. Grade 6
- 807. Grade 7
- 808. Grade 8

Premiums - 1st – \$25, 2nd – Ribbon, 3rd – Ribbon

- 809. Grade 9
- 810. Grade 10
- 811. Grade 11
- 812. Grade 12

INCLUSIVE ARTS DIVISION

DIVISION 209 – INCLUSIVE ARTS: EXCEPTIONAL ART BY EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS

This division is intended for students who have been designated ID/DD or with a closely related intellectual or physical disability.

- Students should register for division that is appropriate for their age/grade level.
- Due to space limitations, pieces may be juried out just like in other arts divisions.
- Pieces will be displayed with their appropriate grade level.

DETAILS:

- Please see guidelines for 2-D, 3-D and Photography for specifications on artwork requirements.
- Please see checklist in Exhibit Guide before delivery.
- Please label back of art using the provided label or something similar.

DIVISION 209 – INCLUSIVE ARTS

One winner from each Grouping will be selected for the **CAROLINA WREN AWARD** recognizing exceptional art created by exceptional students.

Elementary School Award

- 900. Kindergarten
- 901. Grade 1
- 902. Grade 2
- 903. Grade 3
- 904. Grade 4
- 905. Grade 5

Middle School Award

- 906. Grade 6
- 907. Grade 7
- 908. Grade 8

High School Award

- 909. Grade 9
- 910. Grade 10
- 911. Grade 11
- 912. Grade 12