

Youth and Teen Special Education

We encourage ALL youth and teens to submit their work in the age specific category they belong to. However, if anyone with a disability would like to submit their entry under the Special Education Department as well, the rules and instructions are below.

Department Judging

All divisions and categories in the Special Education Department will be judged using the Danish judging system. In the Danish judging system, each entry in a class is judged according to how well it meets a product standard rather than how it compares with other exhibits.

Special Education Limits

1. This department is open to those, of any age, who are currently enrolled in Special Education classes, are residents of any care facility, or who have a disability and are legal residents of El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Sacramento, Sutter and Yuba counties.
2. Paintings, drawings, and photographs must be adequately framed and ready for display.
3. A label bearing the title and name of the exhibitor must be attached to the back or bottom of the exhibit.

Special Education: Divisions 191

Deadline for Entry Application:

Friday, May 29, 2026

Entry Drop-Off at Jones Hall:

Thursday, June 18, 12-7 p.m.

Exhibit Judging:

Saturday, June 20, 9 a.m.

Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Jones Hall:

Monday, June 29, 3 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

No Entry Fee!

Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Show at Judge's discretion

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Special Education Divisions

Division 191 Special Education

Class

01 Fine Arts & Crafts

02 Clothing & Textile

03 Photography

04 Any other - Specify in description

05 The 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence

(Any eligible medium; theme-based entry.)

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Youth and Teen Rules Overview

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1. Restricted to youth ages 5 to 18 years of age and/or 4-H Member to age 19.
2. All entry forms must be signed by a parent or guardian if the exhibitor is under the age of 18.
3. Youth and Teen categories are open to exhibitors who are legal residents of El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Sacramento, Sutter & Yuba counties.
4. All entries to be displayed in Jones Hall.
5. Every possible care will be taken in handling work, but no responsibility is assumed by the fair management or @the Grounds
6. All entries must be made, collected or produced by the exhibitor not more than one year prior to opening day of the Fair. Copied work will be disqualified.
7. Exhibitors must check carefully for receiving instructions and any other rules specific to their entry.
8. Entries cannot have been exhibited in any prior Placer County Fair.
9. State and local rules apply to all entries in corresponding Adult Departments and shall be used unless otherwise specified in the Youth & Teens Department.
10. Management reserves the right to withhold or reject any entries if they are deemed inappropriate or offensive.
11. If any of the above rules are not followed, works shall not be displayed.
12. Management has the right to change schedules and divisions at any point in time. Please check back frequently on www.placercountyfair.org/get-involved/contests/still-exhibits for any updates.

Definition of Terms

- Class - A group of items that are judged together
- Division - A group of classes with a similar theme
- Show/Category - A group of divisions that make up a category

Can't find a youth Division that fits your entry? All Youth and Teen exhibitors are eligible to enter an Adult open category if it is not offered in the Youth and Teen department.