

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 Amateur Art Competition and Entry Requirements

Entry Fee

- \$5 Per Item

Age Groups

- 5 Years of age and younger
- 6-10 Years of age
- 11-14 Years of age
- 15-18 Years of age

Schedule

Location - drop-off and pick-up will be located in the Creative Arts Building

Event	Date and Time
Entry Form and Fee Deadline	Wednesday, July 22, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.
Drop-off	August 2 and 3, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Judging	Closed to the public
Judging Results	The judging results will be posted online on Monday, August 31st, at 5:00 p.m. The results will not be posted before this time and date.
Pick-up	Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Entry Requirements

These requirements are in addition to the 2026 Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements, the General Entry & Fine Arts 2026 Competition and Entry Requirements, and the Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct.

1. One entry per class.
2. Entry artwork must be original. Paint by number, tracing, coloring book pictures, etc., will not be accepted. An original subject is encouraged rather than using already established characters (for example, Spiderman or Transformers).
3. Every effort will be made to display as many entries as space allows.
4. Two-dimensional artwork must be suitably framed and wired using strong screw eyes and wire.
5. Very large artwork is discouraged due to limited display space.

Awards

- A. Best of Show in each division - Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority
- B. In each class
 - a. 1st - \$15, Ribbon
 - b. 2nd - \$10, Ribbon
 - c. 3rd - \$5, Ribbon

Amateur Art Divisions And Classes

5 Years Of Age And Under - Division 0160

Classes

0001. Painting (Watercolor, Tempera, Oil, Acrylic)

0002. Drawing (Pencil, Ink, Pastels)

0003. Sculpture (3-D)

0004. Ceramics

0005. Photography

0006. Jewelry

0007. Any Other Medium Not Otherwise Listed

6-10 Years Of Age - Division 0161

Classes

0001. Painting (Watercolor, Tempera, Oil, Acrylic)

0002. Drawing (Pencil, Ink, Pastels)

0003. Sculpture (3-D)

0004. Ceramics

0005. Photography

0006. Jewelry

0007. Any Other Medium Not Otherwise Listed

11-14 Years Of Age - Division 0162

Classes

0001. Painting (Watercolor, Tempera, Oil, Acrylic)

0002. Drawing (Pencil, Ink, Pastels)

0003. Sculpture (3-D)

0004. Ceramics

0005. Photography

0006. Jewelry

0007. Any Other Medium Not Otherwise Listed

15-18 Years Of Age - Division 0163

Classes

0001. Painting (Watercolor, Tempera, Oil, Acrylic)

0002. Drawing (Pencil, Ink, Pastels)

0003. Sculpture (3-D)

0004. Ceramics

0005. Photography

0006. Jewelry

0007. Any Other Medium Not Otherwise Listed