

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 General Entry and Fine Arts Department Requirements

Entry Requirements

- A. One entry per class unless otherwise specified.
- B. Every entry shall be entered and exhibited in the name of the actual creator, except in heritage classes.
- C. Unless otherwise specified, entry items must have been completed since the 2025 Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition entry form deadline.

Late Entries

- A. No late entries will be accepted. Entry drop-off dates and times are different for each department. Please note those pertinent to you.

Entry Pick-up

- A. Entries will be released from the same building where they are dropped off. Please bring your claim stubs to prove entry ownership when picking up entries. Claim stubs are required to release all entries. No entry shall be released without a claim stub.

Removal of Entries

- A. An exhibitor may not remove his or her entry from the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition once dropped off.
- B. Accepted and placed entries must be on exhibit at the official opening of the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition or at any other time specified in the Exhibitor Handbook and shall not be removed from the fairgrounds before the pick-up date printed in the Exhibitor Handbook, except at the discretion of the Colorado State Fair Authority management.

Entry Registration Dates

- A. Unless otherwise specified, entry forms must be submitted online from Monday, June 15, 2026, through Wednesday, July 22, 2026. Please see the competition requirements for specific competition information. Paper entry forms will also be accepted 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M., Tuesdays and Wednesdays (June 16-July 22) at the General Entry and Fine Arts Office or through the mail.

Responsibility

- A. The Colorado State Fair Authority shall not be responsible for entries remaining on the fairgrounds after designated pick-up times.
- B. All entries or display elements remaining on the fairgrounds after the designated pick-up time will be treated as abandoned property and disposed of on or before December 1 of the same year.

No Guarantee

- A. The Colorado State Fair Authority cannot guarantee that any requests for an entry (e.g., electricity, a showcase, a pedestal, special lighting, special location, total space requirements, water source, computer services, or any other special requirements) can be provided.

Judging

- A. All judging before the opening day of the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition (August 28, 2026) will be closed to the public.
- B. Judging for each department will occur after drop-offs and before the opening of the State Fair unless otherwise specified.
- C. Only judges, pre-authorized staff, and volunteers will be allowed in the building during this time.
- D. Judging Criteria. Entries will be judged on the following criteria unless otherwise specified in the individual department's requirements.

- a. Originality
- b. Suitability Of Materials
- c. Creativity
- d. Craftsmanship
- e. Overall Effect

Disqualifications

- A. A complete entry that is eligible in more than one Division and/or Class shall be entered and judged only in the Division and/or Class for which it best qualifies.
- B. The Colorado State Fair Authority or the judge may disqualify or transfer to the correct Class (at his/her discretion) any entry that is not a true representative of the Division or Class in which it is entered. It is not, however, the responsibility of the Colorado State Fair Authority or the judge to transfer an entry to the correct Division and/or Class.

Award Winners

- A. Only award-winning entries will be displayed unless otherwise noted in specific department requirements.
- B. All entries will be held and released on the official posted pick-up day after the State Fair.

Shipping

- A. Entries may be shipped to the fairgrounds and received at least 5 days before the specific department drop-off date.
- B. All shipping must be fully prepaid.
- C. The package must also include a prepaid shipping label, postage, and packaging for return shipment.

Payment by Checks

- A. Checks will not be accepted as payment after July 22, 2026. Departments that are still accepting entries will accept cash or credit cards.

Location

- A. The General Entry and Fine Arts Office is in the northeast corner of the Palace of Agriculture. It is accessible through the front doors on the east side of the building.
- B. Entries are dropped off based on the Department/Building in which they are entered. Please refer to the individual Department requirements for those dates.

Department Contact

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Complimentary Day Pass and Reduced-Price Exhibitor Wristbands

- A. Every exhibitor in any paid General Entry and Fine Arts Competition will receive one complimentary 2026 Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition day pass.
- B. Additionally, an exhibitor may purchase up to five 11-Day Wristbands and a South Lot Parking Pass at a discounted price.
- C. Exhibitors may purchase at the time of entry registration.
- D. Passes will be distributed at the time entry is received.
- E. Passes will not be sold after entry registration has closed.
- F. Passes will not be distributed unless entry is received.
- G. Exhibitor wristbands and parking passes are not refundable.

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- H. Discounted prices do not apply to free contests or special contests.
- I. Eleven-day Exhibitor Wristband - \$45 each.
- J. South Lot Parking Pass - \$45 each.