

Department N – SCHOOLS AND YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS ARTS & CRAFTS

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THEME: “Happy Birthday”

Celebrating 60 years of the Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo

Entry Fees: Thanks to the generosity of VFW 6917 entry is FREE

No individual entries accepted - Only open to Southern NM public, private schools and organizations catering to youth. (Schools in Doña Ana, Bernalillo, Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Otero, Sierra, Socorro, Valencia and El Paso Counties.)

EXHIBIT SET-UP:

Friday, September 25, 9-noon

Saturday, September 26, 9-noon

Sunday, September 27, 2:30-4:30

Monday, September 28, 10-6:30

Tuesday, September 29, 10-5

EXHIBITS Released: October 4, 4-6pm ONLY

If alternate time is needed, you may contact Dona Ana County to make arrangements.

AWARDS**

GRAND CHAMPION

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

BEST OF SHOW

Preschool & Kindergarten

Elementary – Large*

Elementary – Medium*

Elementary – Small*

Middle School/Junior High

– Large*

Middle School/Junior High

– Small*

High School

Multi Level School

After School Program

Daycare

Youth Organization

ages 11 and under

Youth Organization

ages 18 and under

FFA

4H

2nd BEST OF SHOW

Preschool & Kindergarten

Elementary – Large*

Elementary – Medium*

Elementary – Small*

Middle School/Junior High

– Large*

Middle School/Junior High

– Small*

High School

Multi Level School

After School Program

Daycare

Youth Organization

ages 11 and under

Youth Organization

ages 18 and under

FFA

4H

Post 6917

3rd and 4th BEST OF SHOW

Preschool & Kindergarten

Elementary – Large*

Elementary – Medium*

Elementary – Small*

Middle School/Junior High

– Large*

Middle School/Junior High

– Small*

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4H



*Once all entries, schools will be divided into categories based on population to create a more equal divide and competition

**More awards may be added and categories may be changed at the Superintendent's discretion

Judging Criteria:

(Not All Criteria Equally Weighted)

General Requirements

1. School/organization Name Obvious and part of the Focus of the Display

Elements/ Principles of Art

1. Uses a variety of elements (line, shape, form, color, texture)
2. Principles of Art applied (balance, contrast, rhythm, unity)
3. Variety of media

Creativity

1. Expression
2. Originality and Imagination
3. Individuality

Overall Display

1. Shows Effort
2. Overall Interest and Appeal
3. Follows Theme

SCHOOL ARTS & CRAFTS General Rules:

1. All public, charter, and private schools, home school associations, Afterschool programs and youth organizations in Southern New Mexico are encouraged to enter student artwork from any subject area.

2. Each participating school or organization should designate an adult representative who will work with the School Arts Superintendent and will be in charge of gathering, displaying and dismantling student artwork. **The representative's name/names should be forwarded to the Superintendent no later than**

Thursday, September 17, 2026***

HOWEVER, ONCE ALL BOOTHS ARE TAKEN, APPLICATIONS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED SINCE SPACE IS LIMITED

3. A sign indicating the name of the school/home school association/Youth organization should be included in the exhibit.

4. Each individual work should have an identifying tag attached to it. Tags should include School/organization, Teacher/leader, Grade, and First Name of Student. First and Last Name of Student should be on the back of artwork. Class/group projects should include the names of all the students.

5. All Trash MUST BE DUMPED IN THE DUMPSTER during Set-up and Clean-up. The Barrel trash cans in the building are for visitor use only

****Late entries may be excepted at the discretion of the superintendent*