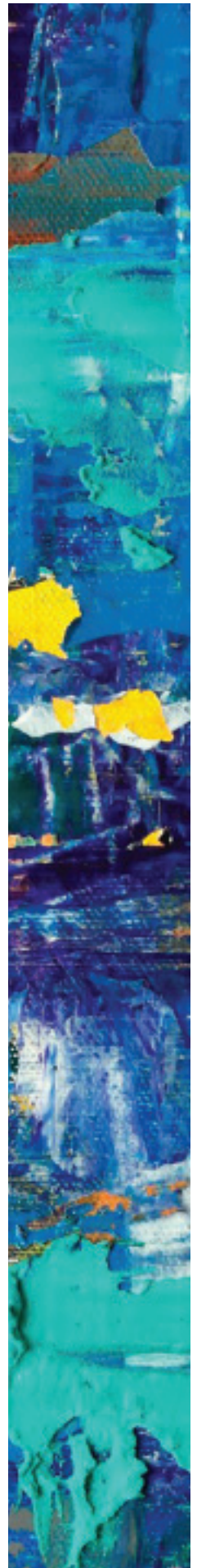
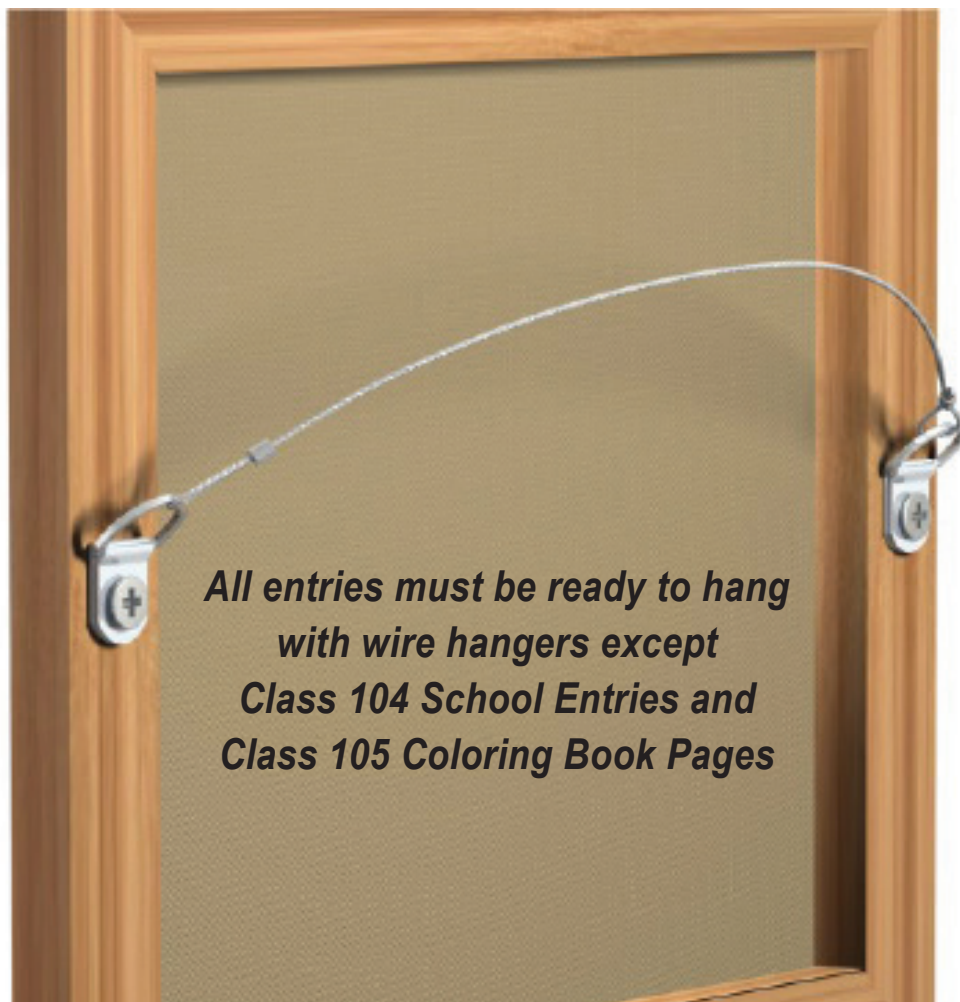


- Exhibit Manager: Don Gowin
- Open to all residents of North Carolina.
- Entries not ready to hang may not be judged or accepted.
- Entries must be original works, no AI generated artwork permitted.
No copies or prints of art can be entered as original art.
- Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is Monday, September 15, 2025.
- Mailed entry forms to: NC State Fair Entry Dept.
1010 Mail Service Center Raleigh NC 27699-1010
- Mailed exhibits must be received by Saturday, October 11.
- The State of North Carolina will require submission of a NC Substitute W-9 prior to making any payment of \$600 or greater or any payment that results in a total of \$600 or more during one calendar year from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to any individual or entity. All exhibitors are strongly encouraged to complete and upload the NC Substitute W-9 form to prevent any delay in receiving premium prize money.
- If you want your entry to be returned to you after the fair, you must include a prepaid postage return address label in your original package. Your work will be returned to you in the same manner and packaging material in which it was mailed to us.
- Hand deliver forms/artwork to: NC State Fair - Entry Department
4285 Trinity Road, Raleigh NC 27607
- Deliver entries to the Kerr Scott Building between 8am and 6pm on Saturday, October 11 and Sunday, October 12.
- Artwork can be picked up on Monday, October 27, in the Kerr Scott Building between 8 am and 6 pm. Shipped entries will be mailed by October 31. Unclaimed art will become the property of the NC State Fair if not picked up at the Entry Department by November 1, 2025.
- Judging will be based on the following criteria:
 - I. Impact - effect on viewer, catches the eye and holds attention, mood and story telling techniques
 - II. Composition - arrangement, completeness and balance of picture elements
 - III. Technical Quality - sharpness, clarity, etc.
 - IV. Workmanship - prepared, mounted neatly and securely to meet requirements
- The NC State Fair reserves the right to refuse to exhibit any work that it deems inappropriate.
- The NC State Fair is under no obligation to display every entry.
- Call 919 839 4513 for details concerning entries released from other fairs.
- Submit questions to: ncsfCompetitions@ncagr.gov
- General Rules and Regulations of the Fair can be found at the back of chapter.

ART SPECIAL AWARDS

Open to Divisions 101, 102, 103, 104 only

- **Best of Show** – \$500 and ribbon ⁰¹
- **Agriculture Commissioner Award** – \$200 ⁰²
- **Best North Carolina Scene*** – \$250 and ribbon ⁰³
**Entries must have the location of the image written on the back of the entry to be considered for this award
- **Best NC State Fair Scene*** – \$250 and ribbon ⁰⁴
- **Best NC Agricultural Scene/Still Life*** – \$250 and ribbon ⁰⁵
* **Note** – *If your artwork qualifies and you wish to submit it for consideration for the Best North Carolina Scene, Best NC State Fair Scene or Best NC Agriculture Scene/Still Life awards, you need to note which category on the back of your piece along with a brief description.*
- **JERRY'S ARTARAMA OUTSTANDING YOUNG ARTIST AWARD**
\$25.00 Gift Certificate
Elementary School ⁰⁶ Middle School ⁰⁷ High School ⁰⁸ Youth ⁰⁹



EXHIBITION CATEGORIES

There are four categories in which you may enter: Professional, Amateur, Youth and Schools (Public, Private, Home School). You may only enter in ONE category. All categories have a \$10 entry fee except Schools and Coloring Book Pages. All entries in these categories must be framed and wired for hanging. Wrapped canvas with finished sides are acceptable (no staples visible, no exposed canvas panels, no clip frames). Metal Print and Acrylic Print do not have to be framed. All entries must be original works (no kits or published patterns, no AI generated artwork) except Coloring Book page entries. No entry will be accepted that is wet, perishable or deemed unstable in any way. Only artist signatures can be visible on the front of the entry in the Professional class. Names and phone numbers must be on the back of entries.

PROFESSIONAL ARTIST *Up to two entries*

- There is a \$10.00 per entry fee for this division.
- A professional is considered someone who earns income from art, either selling or teaching art. It is also someone who has a great amount of experience.
- You may submit up to TWO (2) entries.
- Paintings/Drawings/Print Entry cannot exceed 36" X 40"* including frame.
- Paintings/Drawings/Print Entry must weigh less than 25 lbs
- Photography entry cannot exceed 25" X 25", length and width including frame.
- Photography entries must weigh less than 25 lbs

DIVISION 101: PROFESSIONAL ARTIST

1st - \$300 2nd - \$200 3rd - \$100 4th - \$75

Class

- 01 - Paintings - Oil, Acrylic & Water Color
- 02 - Drawings, Pastels, Print Making - lithographs, etchings and other prints made by artist's hand, and mixed media
- 03 - Photography

AMATEUR ARTIST *Up to two entries*

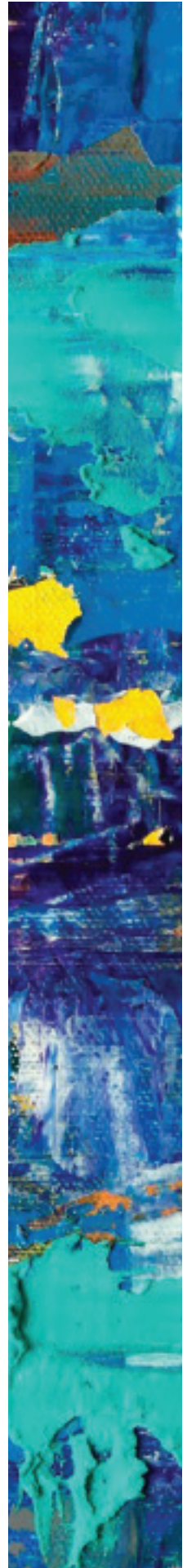
- There is a \$10.00 per entry fee for this division.
- An amateur is an artist who creates a very limited amount of art and does not earn an income from selling their work, or does not teach art.
- You may submit up to TWO (2) entries.
- Paintings/Drawings/Print Entry cannot exceed 25" X 25"* length and width including frame.
- Paintings/Drawings/Print Entry must weigh less than 25 lbs
- Photography Entry cannot exceed 25" X 25"* length and width including frame.
- Photography Entry must weigh less than 25 lbs

DIVISION 102: AMATEUR ARTIST

1st - \$120 2nd - \$95 3rd - \$80 4th - \$55

Class

- 01 - Paintings - Oil, Acrylic & Water Color
- 02 - Drawings, Pastels, Print Making - lithographs, etchings and other prints made by artist's hand, and mixed media
- 03 - Photography



YOUTH ARTIST *Only one entry, as an individual, not a school.*

- There is a non-refundable \$10.00 per entry fee for this division.
- Make checks to "North Carolina State Fair" and attach to the entry form. Online entries will be accepted with credit card payment
- The Youth Category is open to all artist under the age of 18.
- You may submit up to ONE (1) entry.
- No entry may exceed 25" x 25".
- Entry Must weigh less than 10 lbs

**Frame size counts towards the overall dimensions of an entry.*

DIVISION 103: YOUTH ARTIST

1st - \$50 2nd - \$25 3rd - \$10

Class

01 - Youth Art (Grades K-2)

03 - Youth Art (Grades 6-8)

02 - Youth Art (Grades 3-5)

04 - Youth Art (Grades 9-12)

ART PUBLIC, PRIVATE, HOME SCHOOLS

SUBMISSIONS BY TEACHERS ONLY • ENTER WITH SCHOOL'S NAME

Up to six (6) individual entries by six (6) different students. NO Entry Fee

- No entry may exceed 18" x 24".
- Entry Must weigh less than 10 lbs
- The School Category is open to all K-12 schools in North Carolina, Public, Private and Home Schools. Entry in this category is made by the art teacher representing their North Carolina school.
- Each school in North Carolina is invited to submit up to six (6) individual entries by six (6) different individual students currently enrolled in the participating school. Entries should have been done as part of a school assignment within the last year.
- All entries must be mounted or matted, properly wired or hole punched. No glue or tape will be accepted.
- Each work should have the student's name, age and grade placed in the lower right front corner of the work.
- School entries must arrive together in a group at one time and should be boxed or wrapped for ease in handling and identification.
- Any entry not in compliance will not be accepted and/or disqualified.

DIVISION 104: PUBLIC, PRIVATE, HOME SCHOOLS

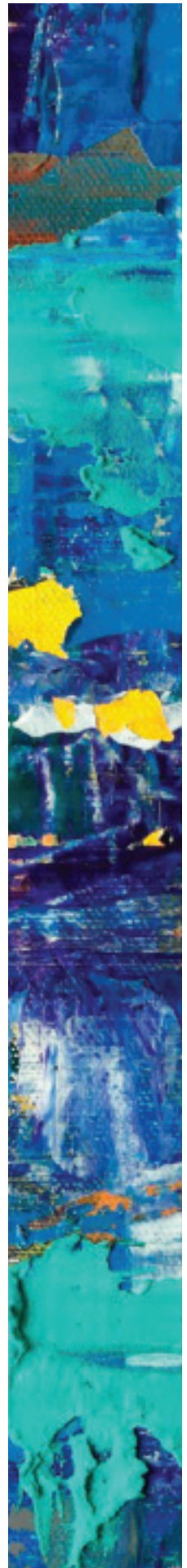
1st - \$650 2nd - \$550 3rd - \$450 4th - \$350 5th - \$250 6th - \$150 7th - \$100 8th - \$50

Class

01 - Elementary School(Grades K-5)

03 - High School (Grades 9-12)

02 - Middle School (Grades 6-8)



ART COLORING BOOK PAGES

- Anyone of any skill level can participate in the NC State Fair themed coloring book pages contest. Simply print the following two pages or click the link on the Art & Photography page on the NC State Fair website. You can also email us at: ncsfcompetitions@ncagr.gov and we will send you the files as an attachment.
- Pages cannot exceed 8½ × 11 inches.
- This competition is limited to only the pages provided by the state fair.
- You can enter as many pages as you wish but you can only win once.
- There is no entry fee for DIVISION 105.
- Entries in this category do not need to be framed. We will insert them into protective sleeves for display.
- Display space is limited. There is no guarantee that every entry will be displayed.
- You can only enter a hand colored print of our 2025 Pig or Carousel page. (see next page)

DIVISION 105 - ART COLORING BOOK PAGES

	1st:	2nd:	3rd:
Class 01 – CHILD A, AGES 5 -7	\$10	\$8	\$6
Class 02 – CHILD B, AGES 8 -10	\$10	\$8	\$6
Class 03 – YOUTH A, AGES 11 - 13	\$12	\$10	\$8
Class 04 – YOUTH B, AGES 14 - 18	\$12	\$10	\$8
Class 05 – ADULT, AGES 19 AND OVER	\$15	\$12	\$10
Class 06 – SPECIAL NEEDS, ANY AGE	\$10	\$8	\$6
Class 07 – GROUP HOME, ANY AGE	\$10	\$8	\$6

