

DEPT. 12A - SCHOOL WORK

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September 2-7, 2026 columbiafair.com 518-444-3247

NO ENTRY FEE (open to schools in the county)

ENTRIES due the week before the fair opens

JUDGING Tuesday 6PM

Special

*** USA-Happy Birthday (250th) category for the occasion. Enter as you normally would in your division and class.

But if your item theme is USA, (RedWhiteBlue) we'll add you into a special category to win an added bonus!***

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries must go through Showworks to be entered
2. School systems are encouraged to enter exhibits displaying work done by pupils without restriction as to curriculum area. Each school may enter two displays; **Grades PreK-5** and **Grades 6-12**. Judges will be looking for originality, attractiveness and the quality of the schoolwork displayed.
3. A Student may enter only one piece of work in each category
4. Please use identification labels and they should include the students name (visible to the public), students grade, school and category of work (i.e. painting-oil, water, acrylic, drawing-pencil, pen and ink, markers, crayons, pastels, printmaking, ceramic/sculptures, photography, industrial arts, home and careers etc.) There is no need to assign each student a number.
5. In order to facilitate judging, schools must break down their displays into Divisions (Grade Pre-K and Grade 6-12). Schools that fail to do so will not be included in the judging.

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION LABEL

THE LABEL – 3” X 5”

Full Name _____ Grade _____
School _____
Category _____

6. There will be at least three judges, local artist volunteers. Judges' decisions are final.
7. The floor plan will be sent to each district with each school's space clearly labeled.
8. All work exhibited by a school system must have been done as part of the regular school program within one year preceding September, by pupils under 21 years of age.
9. Competition is open to all schools in Columbia County. Each school system is urged to enter an exhibit which displays work done by pupils without restriction to curriculum area or grade level. Monetary prizes will be issued to each school art department for placing. The judging will be based on the overall appearance of each school's artwork display and quality of student's work.
10. Each school entering an exhibit shall designate at least one adult representative who shall be responsible for having the material to be exhibited placed in the school exhibit building on the Chatham Fair Grounds, Monday, noon, **to be eligible for awards.**
11. Judging will be done on Tuesday, 6:00 P.M. No one will be allowed in the building while the judging is in progress. If there are any questions, please contact the fair office at 518-444-FAIR.
12. Please have available on your setup day, (or sooner) a count of the number of students displaying artwork so that participation ribbons can be available to you on that day.
13. Exhibits that do not comply with the stated requirements will not be eligible for awards
14. Confirmation by school system for exhibit space must be filed with the Exhibit Coordinator on or before **June 1**
15. Any other accommodations must be approved by the superintendent.

Division 1: GRADES

Class A. Grade pre K-5

Class B. Grade 6-12

Premiums 1st- \$125.00 2nd- \$100.00 3rd- \$75.00

Rosettes will be presented to each place.

Division 2: ARTIST AWARD-TOP 3 INDIVIDUALS

ARTIST award

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Premiums:\$50 to each

Rosettes will be presented to each

NOTICE: The Fair reserves the right to remove any article, which it feels to be in poor taste and offensive to the public and will not be responsible for any damages to items. Entries may be picked up Monday after 9PM. Tuesday-Friday 7AM-3PM