



Agricultural Fairs Best of Show Competition at the 2025 N.C. State Fair

The 2025 Agricultural Fairs Best of Show is a competition that features the best Arts and Crafts entries from local Agricultural Fairs across the state. All entries will be displayed at the N.C. State Fair, October 16- 26, 2025 in Raleigh, NC.

Each Fair may select one youth and one adult winning entry from their 2025 arts and crafts categories to take to the State Fair and participate in the competition. Each entry in the Agricultural Fairs Best of Show competition will receive a \$200 participation check (**\$100 for the Fair to keep and \$100 to be given to the person who created the entry item**).

Awards

All entries will be judged, and a \$1,000 grand prize award will be given to the best youth and best adult entry in each attendance category (**\$500 for the Fair to keep and \$500 to be given to the person who created the winning entry**). Those fairs classified as “governmental” should enter in their respective attendance category – there is *not* a separate “governmental” category.

Category 1 (Fairs with attendance less than 15,000)

- o Best of Show Youth - \$1,000
- o Best of Show Adult - \$1,000

Category 2 (Fairs with attendance of 15,001 – 40,000)

- o Best of Show Youth - \$1,000
- o Best of Show Adult - \$1,000

Category 3 (Fairs with attendance of 40,001 or more)

- o Best of Show Youth - \$1,000
- o Best of Show Adult - \$1,000

Entry Type and Size Restrictions

Arts and crafts entries can include, but are not limited to: paintings, furniture, woodworking, cross stitch, metalwork, pottery, dolls and baskets. Due to display space limitations, exhibits must meet the following requirements:

Exhibits must be no larger than 40x25x25 inches in size.

Quilts, Afghans, etc. may be displayed folded to meet size specifications.

All drawings, paintings, photographs, etc. must be framed or mounted to support proper display.

All entries must have identification attached to the entry with the following:

- o Name of Fair
- o Name of artist who created the entry item
- o Age of artist who created the entry item
- o Address, phone number and email address of the artist who created the entry
- o Brief description of the entry item, such as how it was made, what materials were used, etc.