



ART

Department 125—Junior Open Show

Amount Offered: \$459.00
Entry Fee: \$1.00 Per Entry (2 entries per Class maximum)
Late Registration Fee – Approval Required: \$25.00 Per Entry
Judging Time: Wednesday, August 5th, 2026, at 9:00 am
Location: Building E
Superintendent: Angela Boe.....(815)353-7993
Assistant Superintendents: Jenny Oliver, Erin Kaye, and Jackie Lawler

Rules and Regulations

NEW THIS YEAR: Curfew Enforced – Quiet time and curfew is 12:00am midnight – 5:00am.

All exhibits are closed. This includes grandstands, midway, barns and campgrounds. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult during these times.

1. Entries must be filed with the fair office by 2:00 pm on July 19th, 2026, **online entries are due at midnight. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
2. All exhibitors are required to purchase a week long exhibitor pass.
3. Home Arts General Rules apply.
4. Bring entries to **Building E** on **Monday, August 3rd, 2026**, between **12:00 pm and 7:00 pm**.
5. Non-livestock/Home Art exhibits will be released on the **SUNDAY of fair week between 6 pm and 8 pm OR MONDAY AFTER FAIR (AUGUST 10th) from 10 am-1 pm, exhibits may not be removed before then.** Ribbons and exhibits will be available for pick up at these time slots only. Any exhibits that remain unclaimed after 4 pm on the Friday following the Fair will be donated or discarded.
6. There is a limit of 2 entries per person per Class and a maximum of 10 entries per person total.
7. All entries must be designed and executed solely by the entrant. Kits and copies of any kind will be disqualified.
8. Suspected copies must be reported in writing to a superintendent by Sunday of fair week by noon.
9. No work larger than 30" x 40", including the frame, will be accepted.
10. **All 2D exhibits created on paper must be either:**
 - a. **Securely matted on mat board or poster board. Please use an appropriate adhesive to secure the work to the mat that will withstand the heat/humidity during the week of the fair.**
 - b. **Framed in a wood, plastic, plexiglass or metal frame with wire hangers securely attached to the frame (no string or saw-tooth hangers will be accepted.)**
11. **Exhibits created on canvas should include a wire hanger securely attached to the back of the canvas. (no string or saw-tooth hangers will be accepted.)**
12. **McHenry County Fair Association and the Home Arts Department are not responsible for damage to artwork due to faulty hangers or matting.**
13. The Superintendent reserves the right to disqualify artwork that does not qualify for a specific category of fine art quality or is suggestive of violence or other negative subject matter.
14. The McHenry County Fair Association, for the safety of those attending the Fair (including the rider), prohibits the use of bicycles, scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, and similar wheeled riding items of the Fairgrounds, during the Annual Fair, including set-up and take-down.

Premiums First-\$4; Second-\$3; Third-\$2; Forth-ribbon; Fifth-ribbon; Sixth-ribbon
 Best of Show (3 per Division except Division D); Painting, Drawing, Other Media): Rosette
 Best Overall Junior Open Show (1 per Division except Division D): Plaque

Division	Class
A Ages 8-11	1 Landscapes - painting 10 Abstract - drawing 2 Landscapes - drawing 11 Printmaking, graphic, or digital art 3 Still life - painting 12 Small works, any medium, overall size 5 x 7 or less including frame

	4 Still life - drawing 5 Portraits - painting 6 Portraits - drawing 7 Animals - painting 8 Animals - drawing 9 Abstract - painting	13 Sculpture - clay originals (hand-built, no preform, and not exceed 3' X 3') 14 Sculpture - metal, paper or other (not to exceed 3' X 3') 15 2Dimensional mixed media (flat surface) 16 Miscellaneous 17 USA 250 th Birthday Theme, patriotic – any medium
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B Ages 12-15	1 Landscapes - painting 2 Landscapes - drawing 3 Still life - painting 4 Still life - drawing 5 Portraits - painting 6 Portraits - drawing 7 Animals - painting 8 Animals – drawing 9 Abstract - painting 10 Abstract - drawing 11 Printmaking, graphic, or digital art 12 Small works, any medium, overall size 5 x 7 or less including frame 13 Sculpture - clay originals (hand-built, no preform, and not exceed 3'x3') 14 Sculpture - metal, paper or other (not to exceed 3' x 3') 15 2Dimensional mixed media (flat surface) 16 Miscellaneous 17 USA 250 th Birthday Theme, patriotic – any medium
C Ages 16-21	1 Landscapes - painting 2 Landscapes - drawing 3 Still life - painting 4 Still life - drawing 5 Portraits - painting 6 Portraits - drawing 7 Animals - painting 8 Animals – drawing 9 Abstract - painting 10 Abstract - drawing 11 Printmaking, graphic, or digital art 12 Small works, any medium, overall size 5 x 7 or less including frame 13 Sculpture - clay originals (hand-built, no preform, and not exceed 3' X 3') 14 Sculpture - metal, paper or other (not to exceed 3' x 3') 15 2Dimensional mixed media (flat surface) 16 Miscellaneous 17 USA 250 th Birthday Theme, patriotic – any medium
D Age 1-7 *	1 Little Dabbler-Any Medium (2D Painting and Drawing & 3D Handmade Clay) – No Crafts such as Legos (they belong in <u>Little Crafters 24L-Needlework and Crafts</u>) Do Not Need Frames 2 USA 250 th Birthday Theme, patriotic – any medium * Not Judged and No Entry Fee. Entries receive a participation ribbon.

Art Junior Open Entry Form

Use a separate form for each show.

- Register online at www.mchenrycountyfair.com or in the office at 11900 Country Club Road, Woodstock, IL 60098 on Monday – Tuesday from 9 am – 2 pm. In person registration dates: Tuesday June 2nd, Tuesday July 7th 2-7pm and July 19th 10 am-3pm ONLY.
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- Entries will NOT be taken by phone, fax, or email. NO REFUNDS!
- One entry per line. Note changes in Division and Class numbers!

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

	Dept. Number	Division Letter	Class Number	Description of Entry
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I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the 2026 McHenry County Fair, agree and consent to abide by the rules of the competition. This includes the McHenry County Rules and Regulations and the Home Arts Department Rules as stated in the Rule section in the McHenry County Fair Book and on the Website: mchenrycountyfair.com

Exhibitor (Owner/Exhibitor) Date

Guardian/Parent of Exhibitor (if under 18 years of age) Date

#	Fee	Total
	\$1.00 per Junior Open entry	
	\$25.00 Late Registration Fee per entry	
	\$15 Exhibitor Pass (one required per Exhibitor)	
	Total	\$