

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR ALL DIVISIONS

1. Florida students grades K - 12 enrolled in a public, private or home school may enter (ages 5 – 18).
2. There are no entry fees for students entering exhibits.
3. All entries must be pre-registered on an official entry form unless noted.
4. All exhibits must be entered in their specific pre-entered divisions.
5. ALL MAILED ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON THE ENTRY DATE (LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED).
6. Exhibit entry tags, furnished by The Fair™, must be securely attached to each exhibit.
7. All exhibits must be checked in by the division superintendent.
8. All exhibits are judged on the Danish System and the decision of the judges is final. Every entering exhibitor will receive a ribbon representing, in the opinion of the judge, the quality level of their exhibit. Quality is The Fair's primary consideration. Additional "Special Awards" may be presented at the discretion of the division superintendent(s). EXCEPT: Fine Arts
9. Each division reserves the right to publicly display only those exhibits awarded blue and red ribbons. Most entries awarded a blue or red ribbon will be displayed at The Fair™ in the appropriate division depending on the space available. All blue and red ribbon entries displayed will remain on display in appropriate division until released by the division superintendent on the release date.
10. The exhibitor, his or her guardian, or the person who enters the exhibit on the exhibitor's behalf, expressly assumes any and all liability or responsibility for any accident, loss or damage to any person, or property of the exhibitor, as a result of exhibitor's participation, or arising out of the display of his or her exhibit, whether such loss, damage, or injury is caused by the negligence of unknown or known third parties, or the Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, Inc., its officers, directors, employees, volunteers or agents. By entering an exhibit, the exhibitor, his or her guardian, or the person who enters the exhibit on the exhibitor's behalf, agrees to waive any and all claims, damages, demands, or costs against the Miami-Dade County Fair & Expositions, Inc., its officers, directors, employees, volunteers or agents as a result and arising out of exhibitor's participation in the fair, including but not limited to the transportation, judging, display, storage and disposal of the exhibit.
11. All handmade entries must be the original work of the exhibitor and have been made since the close of the previous Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, Inc. ®.
12. No smoking or lighted candles, lamps, matches, etc., will be allowed in any stalls or booths on the grounds or in the buildings and/or tents.
13. Advertising by means of posters, prints, handbills, etc., will not be permitted on the fairgrounds except upon written agreement of The Fair™ management.
14. Sale of any article or service is prohibited except where approved by The Fair™ management through written contractual arrangement.
12. The management of The Fair™ and the Competitive Exhibits Department and/or their designee reserve the right to remove and disqualify any exhibit which is not in the best interest of The Fair™; or which is objectionable to The Fair™; or endangers the public; or is objectionable in any way; or has been entered in violation of these official rules and regulations; or to reject, limit or disqualify the acceptance of, or the display of, any exhibit brought to the fairgrounds.
13. In addition to the "Official Rules and Regulations" for all Student Divisions listed in Table of Contents, there are specific rules and regulations governing participation in each individual division. These rules are printed within each individual student division.
14. Anyone having currently graduated from, or dropped out of high school, shall be ineligible to exhibit.
15. The use of live plants or animals is prohibited.

The Individual Entry:

Any entry created by one individual.

The Group Entry:

Group entries (those requiring more than 1 student to work on and complete 1 exhibit) will be allowed in the following divisions only: Culinary Arts Cook Off • Scarecrows • Child Development Books (including ESOL, World Language) • Performing Arts (Dance, Drama, Instrumental, Vocal, and World Language) • Robotics • Boy Scouts • Quilts.

Guidelines for Classroom Teachers and Club Leaders:

EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL HAS A LIAISON ASSIGNED TO The Fair™ BY ITS PRINCIPAL. This individual is your information/supply link to The Fair™ for policy procedure, entry forms, and handbooks etc. Private schools and clubs are invited to have a liaison assigned. Please check with your school Principal/Director and The Fair™ Exhibits Office.

How To Check In a Pre-registered Exhibit:

Enter the fairgrounds on Coral Way (SW 24 Street) through service gate (No.3) located at 10900 BLK. The gate security guard will direct you to the specific area handling your exhibit and the correct parking location. When the check in procedure has been completed, each student exhibitor will be issued a complimentary main gate admission to The Fair™.

When each exhibit is entered into a division during check in, it arrives at The Fair™ with a computer generated entry tag. A claim tag is detached from the entry tag and given to the person entering that exhibit. This is the exhibitor's receipt and is kept until after The Fair™ when, on the release date, it is exchanged for the return of the exhibit(s). Claim tags have a corresponding number on it to match the number on the entry tag. When picking up the exhibit(s) on the release day, the same claim tag must be presented to the division in Arnold Hall where the exhibit was entered in order for an official to release the exhibit. Be sure the DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE STAMPS AND SIGNS YOUR CLAIM CHECK. This makes the exhibitor eligible to receive their free admission to The Fair™.

Photographs:

From time to time photographs are taken during The Fair™. These photographs may be used for publicity purposes. By signing your entry form, you are giving the Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, Inc.® permission to use such photographs at their discretion without compensation to or prior approval from you.

Premiums and Awards:

The color of the ribbon translates into cash premium awards with the exception of the yellow ribbon. Cash premium awards offered by The Fair™ will be paid during check out at the location sites of each division entered. The check(s) will be made out to the student listed on the Official Entry Form. The Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, Inc.® assumes no responsibility for exhibits not claimed during the official check out period. All exhibits not claimed at the announced check out period on the release date will be disposed of and all premium ribbons and/or cash awards will be forfeited and exhibitor agrees and consents that ownership of any premium ribbons and/or cash awards shall revert back to the Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, Inc.®. **Exhibits will be discarded April 6, 2012.**

Premiums Schedule:

Purple Ribbon	\$5.00 and Rosette
Blue Ribbon	4.00
Red Ribbon	3.00
White Ribbon	2.00
Yellow Ribbon	Ribbon

**** The Fair™ DOES NOT PROVIDE CHECK CASHING SERVICE.****

All checks for premium monies awarded in connection with The Fair™, shall be negotiated by the recipient/payee by **June 30, 2012**. If the recipient/payee fails to timely negotiate said check, all monies due the recipient/payee shall be deemed to have made an unconditional and irrevocable gift of said monies to The Fair™. Errors in premium checks, awards, or lost checks will be corrected by the Exhibits Department until **May 31, 2012**. Any checks not cashed or deposited by **June 30, 2012** will be considered as void and will not be replaced.

NO PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS, HOWEVER, ENTRY FORMS AND COMPLETED WORK MUST BE TURNED IN AT CHECK-IN.

January 11, 2012, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Child Development Books • ESOL Child Development Books • World Languages Child Development Books • Creative Writing • ESOL Creative Writing • World Languages Creative Writing

January 24, 2012, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Fine Arts

**PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED FOR ALL OTHER DIVISIONS
January 24, 2012**

Award Ceremonies:

March 24, 2012 (Palm Sunday)

Fine Arts (Fine Arts Gallery)	2:00 pm
Child Development (Arnold Hall Stage)	2:45 pm
Decorations (Arnold Hall Stage)	2:45 pm
Fabric Art (Arnold Hall Stage)	2:45 pm
Needlecraft (Arnold Hall Stage).....	2:45 pm
Quilts (Arnold Hall Stage)	2:45 pm
Sewing (Arnold Hall Stage)	2:45 pm
Grand Champion Homemaker (Arnold Hall Stage).....	2:45 pm
American Heritage (Arnold Hall Stage)	4:30 pm

March 25, 2012

Girl Scouts (Arnold Hall Stage)	2:00 pm
ESOL Creative Writing (Arnold Hall Stage).....	2:30 pm
World Language Creative Writing (Arnold Hall Stage)	3:30 pm

March 28, 2012

Creative Writing (Arnold Hall Stage)	7:00 pm
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March 31, 2012

Boy Scouts (Arnold Hall)	3:00 pm
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