

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL DIVISIONS

1. There is no fee for students entering exhibits in the Elementary, Middle, or Senior High Divisions.
2. All entries must be pre-registered on the Official Exhibits Entry Form EXCEPT those entering in Creative Writing, Divisions 02 & 03 (ESOL), 15 (English) and 36 (World Languages), Child Development/Books Division 11, Class 1 and Fine Arts, Division 18. In these divisions there is no pre-registration necessary. The entry form must be filled in properly and submitted to the Exhibits Office on or before the entry date specified for all other divisions. All exhibits must be entered in their specific pre-entered divisions. ALL MAILED ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON THE ENTRY DATE (LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED). An exhibit entry tag, furnished by The Fair™, must be securely attached to each exhibit when practical.
3. All exhibits must be checked in by the division superintendent(s).
4. All exhibits are judged on the Modified Danish System (no quality comparisons) and the decision of the judges is final. Every entering exhibitor will receive a ribbon representing, in the opinion of the judges, the quality level of his/her 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
5. Each exhibitor reserves the right to publicly display only those exhibits winning First and Second Places. Most entries awarded a First or a Second Place will be displayed at The Fair™ in the appropriate division depending on the space available. All First and Second entries displayed will remain on display in appropriate division until released by the division superintendent on the check-out date.
6. 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.
7. 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®.
8. 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.
9. Advertising by means of posters, prints, handbills, etc., will not be permitted on the Fairgrounds except upon written agreement of The Fair™ management.
10. 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 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.

NOTICE:

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.

Who May Enter an Exhibit:

Florida students in kindergarten through high school enrolled in a public or private school or home school may enter (ages 5 – 18). **Anyone having currently graduated from, or dropped out of high school, shall be ineligible to exhibit.**

The Individual Entry:

A student creates and works on a project alone, entering himself/herself as the result of the effort of **only one individual**. Exhibits may be brought to The Fairgrounds by the student or submitted through his/her school or club by a teacher/leader.

The Group Entry:

Group entries (those requiring more than one student to work on and complete one exhibit) will be allowed in the following divisions only:

Division 03 - ESOL, Books	Division 48 - Computers
Division 04 - Culinary Arts Cook Off	Division 50 - Robotics
Division 05 - Scarecrows	Division 52 - Boy Scouts
Division 09 - World Language Books	Division 58 - Quilts
Division 11 - Child Dev. Books	Division 59 - World Lang. Perf. Arts
Division 32 - Perf. Arts Dance	Division 64 - Perf. Arts Instrumental
Division 33 - Perf. Arts Drama	Division 65 - Perf. Arts Vocal

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, etc. Ask him/her for answers and materials to help your students enter an exhibit in The Fair™. Private schools and clubs are invited to have a liaison assigned to become the information link between the school and The Fair™. Please check with your school Principal/Director and The Fair™ Exhibits Office.

When and Where to Check In an Exhibit:

There must be an entry form submitted to the exhibits office at The Fair™ prior to bringing most exhibits to the fairgrounds. You may obtain a copy from our website, www.thefairexhibits.com.

All classroom teachers and club leaders with exhibits to enter: Thursday, March 18, 2010 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Arnold Hall **All students/individuals with non-agricultural exhibits to enter:** Saturday March 20, 2010 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in Arnold Hall

How To Check In a Pre-registered Non-Agricultural Exhibit:

Observe the check-in time closely. This detailed procedure is conducted by volunteers whose time is valuable. They will only be available to register your exhibit during the stated date/time. NO EXCEPTIONS Enter The Fairgrounds on Coral Way (SW 24 Street) through the Service Gate (No.3) located at 109th Avenue. The gate security guard will direct you to the specific area handling your exhibit and the correct parking location. Exhibit ID Tag/Claim Check procedures vary from division to division according to practical usage. When the check-in procedure has been completed, each student exhibitor will be issued two Main Gate passes to The Fair™. **IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PICK UP YOUR EXHIBIT ON Thursday, April 15, 2010 PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE SOMEONE ELSE PICK IT UP FOR YOU! ANYONE CAN PICK UP YOUR EXHIBIT AS LONG AS THEY BRING YOUR CLAIM CHECK.**

When each exhibit is entered into a division during Check-In, it arrives at The Fair™ with a computer generated entry tag. A Claim Check 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 Check-Out day, it is exchanged for the return of the exhibit(s). The Claim Check has a corresponding number on it to match the number on the Exhibit Entry Tag. When picking up the exhibit (s) on the Check-Out day, the same Claim Check must be presented to the division in Arnold Hall where the exhibit was entered in order for an official to release the exhibit.

- (A) Refer to the maps on pages 12 and 13 for directions and parking. Enter through the West Entrance to the Arnold Exhibition Hall with exhibit(s). Properly attach computer generated Entry Tag(s) provided by The Fair™ after having pre-entered by the specified date for each division.
- (B) Everyone with exhibits will be directed by a Guest Relations host or hostess to the location of the desired division's display area in the hall.

- (C) The perforated claim check is then separated from the Entry Tag. The Claim Check portion is given to the exhibitor in order for him/her to reclaim the exhibit on the Check-Out date.
- (D) Be sure the DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE STAMPS AND SIGNS YOUR CLAIM CHECK. This makes the exhibitor eligible to receive free passes to The Fair™.
- (E) Return to Guest Relations where a host/hostess will look at the officially stamped/signed Claim Check and will issue 1 Main Gate pass good any 2 of the 18 days of The Fair™ for each student exhibitor only. Only 1 Main Gate pass will be issued to each student entering an exhibit in The Fair™ no matter how many exhibits (individual, class, and club) or different divisions the student enters.

How to Enter an Exhibit:

Some divisions require a pre-entry procedure before the specific date for exhibits to be physically checked-in at The Fairgrounds. If so, it will be stated under that division's requirements.

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® permission to use such photographs at their discretion without compensation to or prior approval from you.

A Reminder:

The Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition® assumes no responsibility for exhibits not claimed during the official Check-Out period. All exhibits not claimed at the announced Check-Out period (see division you are entering) 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®.

Premiums and Awards:

Every entered exhibit will receive a ribbon representing, in the opinion of the judges, the quality level of his/her exhibit. The color of the ribbon translates into cash premium awards with the exception of the Fourth Place. 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 NEW premium schedule is below. All PURPLE ribbons will be selected from BLUE ribbons and receive premiums from both BLUE and PURPLE ribbons for a total premium of \$9.00.

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

Exceptions to this award-giving occur where the student investment and/or the field of interest does not lend itself to standardization, please see individual divisions.

How to Receive Award Money:

A Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition® check is issued in the name of the person found on the entry form. These cash premium award checks are distributed during Check-Out at the location site of each division entered.

The Fair™ DOES NOT PROVIDE CHECK CASHING SERVICE.

Another Reminder:

All checks for premium monies awarded in connection with The Fair™, shall be negotiated by the recipient/payee by **June 30, 2010**. 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 30, 2010**. Any checks not cashed or deposited by **June 30, 2010** 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.**

Wednesday - January 13, 2010, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

<u>Division</u>	<u>Div. No.</u>
Child Development Books	11
Child Development Books - ESOL	3
World Languages Books	9
Creative Writing- English	15
Creative Writing - ESOL	2
World Languages - Creative Writing	36

Tuesday - January 26, 2010, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

<u>Division</u>	<u>Div. No.</u>
Fine Arts	18

PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED FOR ALL OTHER DIVISIONS

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION STUDENTS:

If teachers wish for a student who is in Exceptional Student Education to enter an exhibit in the Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition®, please check the box provided for Exceptional Students on the entry form, NO CODES NECESSARY. Entries may be submitted by any Exceptional Education Students. **ON THE BACK OF THE EXHIBIT ID TAG**, note the student is an ESE student - and whether the exhibit being entered is of outstanding work for a particular student. **EACH EXHIBIT ID TAG MUST BE ATTACHED IN A MANNER MAKING IT IMMEDIATELY ACCESSIBLE TO THE JUDGES.** All Exceptional Education Student exhibits, regardless of the entering procedures, will be judged solely by Exceptional Student judges familiar with the criteria needed to properly evaluate the level of achievement. See individual division listings for specific entry rules - in addition to the 'Official Rules and Regulations for All Divisions' found in this Handbook.

AWARDS CEREMONIES:

WEDNESDAY - March 31, 2010

Creative Writing	7:00 pm	Arnold Hall
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SATURDAY - April 3, 2010

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

SUNDAY - April 4, 2010

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

SATURDAY - April 10, 2010

Computers	Follows Competition	Arnold Hall
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