

PA Preferred™ Strength in Our Diversity 2018 YOUTH POSTER CONTEST CRITERIA FOR THE STATE CONTEST

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will once again conduct a statewide youth poster contest at the agricultural fairs. Participating fairs hold their own contest and submit one poster from each age group to the state level for additional judging and cash prizes. Winning posters will be displayed at the 2019 Pennsylvania Farm Show.

1. Only one poster may be submitted per exhibitor, per age group. There will be three state competitions: ages 8-11, 12-14, and 15-18. Exhibitors must be in one of these age groups as of June 1 of the current fair season to qualify.
2. The poster size must be either 14 x 22 inches or 14 ½ x 22 inches. Other sizes will not be accepted for judging at the state level.
3. This year's theme is **Strength in Our Diversity**. Contestants are asked to submit artwork that showcases and celebrates the people, products, production practices, and traditions of Pennsylvania's agriculture industry. Exhibitors using other themes will be disqualified at the state level.
4. Only one poster per age group per fair may be forwarded for the state competition. The fair secretary or contest coordinator is responsible for submitting the poster and completing the entry form for each poster with each age group. **The poster and contest entry form can be given to the Fair Fund Administrator at the PSACF fall zone meetings or mailed to:**

**Tracy Barone, Fair Fund Administrator
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street (Room 310)
Harrisburg, PA 17110**

The poster contest entry form can be obtained at www.agriculture.state.pa.us.

5. Posters must be packaged flat. Posters rolled or folded will not be eligible for judging.
6. Posters must be received or post marked by **November 1, 2018**.
7. Posters will be evaluated on use of the theme, visual appearance and creativity in relation to the exhibitor's age.
8. Premium checks for:

1 st place	\$100
2 nd place	\$75
3 rd place	\$50

These checks will be presented by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each age category. Winners will be notified in advance and invited to attend an awards presentation to be held during the 2019 Pennsylvania Farm Show. They will also be required to provide their social security numbers for award disbursements.

All posters will become the property of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for possible future promotional activities for the Pennsylvania Farm Show and Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs. Any duplication of posters from previous years will be disqualified. Posters will not be returned.

Questions should be directed to Tracy Barone, Fair Fund Administrator at 717-772-3094 or fairs@pa.gov.