

# FINE ARTS DIVISION RULES

1. The Fine Arts division will be open to any Walker County artist who resides or attends school in Walker County.
2. Non-Auction artwork will be divided into the following age groups:  
Elementary: Pre-K thru 5th grade  
Middle: 6th– 8th grade  
High School: 9th– 12th grade  
Adult
3. A project can be exhibited only one time at the Walker County Fair and must have been created within one calendar year of the exhibition date.
4. All entries must be the original composition of the exhibitor. No pre-packaged, pre-cut craft or art kits. No computer generated artwork will be accepted. No copies of any copyrighted or previously published piece of art or photograph will be allowed. No more than one person may work on the artwork.
5. Exhibitors are responsible for checking in their artwork, and it must be checked in and picked up during the designated times and location as printed in the WCFA schedule. Any piece of artwork not picked up at the designated time will become the property of the WCFA and will be disposed of at its discretion.
6. Each exhibitor may enter no more than two pieces of art.
7. Artwork may be entered in the following divisions:  
Division 1 – two dimensional (flat) works including but not limited to:  
All types of paintings and drawings in all types of media.  
Entries in this category will be displayed by age group, not media categories. Maximum size is 18X24 inches including matting or mounting. Minimum size is 11X14 inches including matting or mounting.  
Division 2 – three dimensional works (sculptures) including but not limited to:  
Wire/metal, wood, ceramic, stone, plaster, paper mache', or other approved media. Maximum size is not to exceed 18 inches in height, width, or depth, including any optional base, and must not exceed 20 lbs. No soft clay projects will be accepted and glass, wire, or metal projects must not have sharp edges exposed or cause concern for safety of participants.
8. The division chairman retains the right to combine classes in the event of insufficient number of entries in a class, or to create a class or classes if deemed necessary.
9. First place, second place, or third place ribbons will be awarded in each division.
10. All entries must be securely mounted or matted to heavy posterboard or matboard sturdy enough to prevent sagging. Paintings on canvas with wooden stretcher must have a hook or wire and ready to hang. **NO FRAMED ARTWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
11. Subject of artwork must reflect fair, western, ranch, Native American, country life, rodeo or wildlife or plants native to Texas, or symbolic to the "Old West" **Any artwork deemed "inappropriate" by WCFA will not be accepted.**
12. A completed entry form must be attached to the bottom right-hand corner (hinged style - not taped to the front of the mat) of all non-auction eligible projects.
13. All sculptures (3D works) must have a completed entry form tied securely to the piece using a string.
14. All judges' decisions and announced results will be final. Judging will not be open to the public.
15. Exhibits will be watched, and every precaution will be taken to protect all exhibits; but in no case will the WCFA be held responsible for damage, theft or breakage nor will exhibits be repaired.
16. Entry fees are as follows:  
\$1.00 per piece entered for students in Pre-K thru grade 12.  
Adult entry fee will be \$5.00 per piece entered.  
Auction eligible entries will be \$5.00 per piece entered.

## FINE ARTS AUCTION ELIGIBLE ADDITIONAL RULES

Any exhibitor wishing to enter artwork in the Fine Arts Division as an auction eligible piece MUST ALSO adhere to the following:

1. All exhibitors of Fine Arts will follow the General Rules of the WCFA.
2. Exhibitors must be in grades 9 – 12 and enrolled in a fine arts class during the current school year.
3. All entries must be received at the Walker County Fairgrounds between the hours of 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February preceding the published fair dates and will be the only date on which this will be accepted.
4. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion artwork will be selected from the blue ribbon winners in both Division 1 and Division 2 categories of auction eligible entries. These winners will be auctioned in the youth sale.
5. A completed identification card will be attached to the back of all auction eligible artwork prior to judging.

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