

# **2018 Minnesota State Fair FFA Landscape Design and Construction Competition**

## **THEME - GARDEN FOR POLLINATORS**

Incorporates any plant material that will tolerate and/or thrive in an area with sun or shade. Flowering annuals and perennials, as well as trees and shrubs easily fit in this garden.

## **ENTRIES**

1. Entries close July 9. No deposit. Entry must be made in the name of the chapter actually in charge of the exhibit; please indicate which plot preferred, allocation of plots are first entered first received (see map page 4).
2. Exhibitors from the 2017 Minnesota State Fair will have priority reserving the same space for this Minnesota State Fair, if they return their entry form by the entry closing date.
3. Exhibits will be confirmed by the receipt of the entry on a first come, first served basis, until all spaces have been awarded. If more schools wish to participate and remit requests than space allows, a waiting list will be established.
4. Limit of one entry per chapter. However, chapters willing to enter a second display should indicate this on the entry form. If spaces are not filled by the entry closing date, these chapters will be notified to enable them to make a second entry. Second entries will be accepted in the order in which they are received until all spaces are filled.
5. Space provided outside the Miracle of Birth Center, sites approximately 14' x 14'.

## **CONSTRUCTION**

Exhibits may be placed beginning June 1; by appointment so as not to conflict with off-season event scheduling. All exhibits must be in place by 12:01 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 23; judging will commence at 8 a.m., Thursday. Chapters may not have representatives in the display area during judging.

Props may be removed beginning at 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3 (Labor Day). If you wish to store your materials, arrangements for storage must be made through the MOBC superintendent.

Access to electric service will be provided by the fair, illumination provided by exhibitor. For safety reasons, all electrical wiring and devices, as well as any other item used which may possess some hazardous feature, must meet minimum electrical code and fire safety requirements. Commercial garden lights, or any other type of light bulb, may be used in the display. Fire hazards and potentially hazardous electrical devices or layouts must be avoided. Electrical devices will be turned off at the close of each day, and turned on each morning before the MOBC exhibit opens.

In the interest of maintaining an esthetically pleasing area for others, we request the site be left in a condition that is neat and tidy.

## **MAINTENANCE**

A responsible adult will be employed to water the plant materials in your entry. Your watering instructions will be communicated to the assistant hired by the State Fair. Exhibits cannot be watered during open viewing times, i.e. watering must be conducted prior to 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. Exhibitors are responsible for the maintenance of the display, including plant materials and any mechanical device, lighting, etc. Plants may either be planted directly in the plot, or may be kept in their original containers (which must contain soil medium). During the fair, FFA will manage the maintenance, during non-fair times, State Fair Staff will water the display. Watering instructions must be provided.

## **LABELING**

All plant material must be properly labeled showing both the common and botanical names, State Fair will provide plant markers (for consistency). Use plants which are recommended for Minnesota. Chapters will be permitted to list on a sign (no larger than 5" x 8") the names of firms and organizations who have contributed to the display. No addresses or phone numbers will be permitted. State Fair will provide plant label stakes; when entering please indicate number required. Please return the label stakes at the end of the fair.

Use a sign displaying the theme. This will be included in judging for the label category.

## **SCORE CARD**

Design .....	45%
Correct and clear label.....	20%
Landscape construction .....	15%
Specimen quality.....	10%
Accessories/lighting.....	10%

## **PREMIUMS**

Displays will be scored and placed in Blue, Red, and White Ribbon groups.

Each Blue Ribbon Display.....	\$300
Each Red Ribbon Display.....	\$200
Each White Ribbon Display .....	\$150
Sweepstakes .....	\$100
Reserve Sweepstakes .....	\$75

## **SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES**

Each entry in this category will receive \$1000 to help cover the expense of construction of the display.

Expense money will be presented after the fair along with premiums.

## **FUTURE THEMES**

2019 .....	Edible Landscape
2020.....	Native Minnesota Gardens

JUDSON AVE

CLOUGH ST

MIRACLE  
OF  
BIRTH CENTER

STAGE

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All booths 14' x 14'

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W.  
R.

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# FFA Landscape Design and Construction Competition Scorecard

Chapter name \_\_\_\_\_

## Principles of design 30 points possible

*Evaluation criteria:* Effective achievement of emphasis/focalization, balance, proportion/scale, repetition, variety, sequence, and unity/harmony. All items are practical, to scale, and use design principles consistent to the theme.

Strengths	Suggestions for improvement	Points earned

## Elements of design 15 points possible

*Evaluation criteria:* Effective and practical use of line, color, texture, form, space, and mass.

Strengths	Suggestions for improvement	Points earned

## Landscape construction 15 points possible

*Evaluation criteria:* Proper use/installation of hardscape materials and garden accessories.

Strengths	Suggestions for improvement	Points earned

## Correct & clear labeling & signs 20 points possible

*Evaluation criteria:* Signs consistent with theme; list common and scientific names; signs should be prepared with a clear font, readable from visitor's walkway and appropriately placed; adhere to rules on size of signs; theme sign reflects theme and fits into overall display.

Strengths	Suggestions for improvement	Points earned

## Selection & quality of plant specimens 10 points possible

*Evaluation criteria:* Plant characteristics consistent with theme; high quality stock (balanced, full foliage, no broken stems, disease-free, pest-free, and free of other defects).

Strengths	Suggestions for improvement	Points earned

## Accessories & lighting 10 points possible

*Evaluation criteria:* Selection of appropriate size, variety, quantity, and quality of accessories and lights; items support the theme; balance of accent and background lighting; lights and other accessories are functioning.

Strengths, suggestions & improvements \_\_\_\_\_

Strengths	Suggestions for improvement	Points earned

<b>Total points (100 possible)</b>	<b>Total points</b>
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<b>Final rank (1 = highest points; 2 = 2nd highest points, etc.)</b>	
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<b>Ribbon / Premium Awarded (circle one)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> BLUE <input type="checkbox"/> RED <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE	
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*Note: Judges are encouraged to use the back of this scorecard for additional comments/suggestions*

# 2018 FFA Landscape Design and Construction Competition Display Reservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor (*primary contact*) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (*include area code*) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail (*primary contact*) \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor (*secondary contact*) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (*include area code*) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail (*secondary contact*) \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate date of when you will begin installation \_\_\_\_\_

We wish to participate in the Minnesota State Fair  
FFA Landscape Design and Construction Competition.

We have examined the rules and regulations of this competition,  
and have received a copy of the scoresheet.

We are **interested** / **not interested** in a second entry.  
(please circle interest)

**Complete and return by July 9, 2018:**  
Competition Department, Minnesota State Fair  
1265 Snelling Avenue North  
Saint Paul, MN 55108-3099  
651-288-4417