

# **2021 Minnesota State Fair FFA Landscape Design and Construction Competition**

## **THEME - NATIVE MINNESOTA GARDENS**

The design should incorporate plant materials native to Minnesota.

### **ENTRIES**

1. The first 10 entries, with no more than two entries per chapter, will be accepted. Note: If a chapter has a second entry, only a ribbon will be given; the premium money and expense stipend will only be applicable to the higher placing entry. Entries close July 15. 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 3).
2. Exhibitors from the 2019 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. 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. Please call or email Virginia Mold at 651-288-4440 or [virginia.mold@mnstatefair.org](mailto:virginia.mold@mnstatefair.org). All exhibits must be in place by 12:01 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 26; 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. 6 (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 and extension cords 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 before and after the fair. Please consider including permanent plant material for visual impact.

This is a student project, therefore a majority of the work needs to be done by students. Advisors may assist and give direction.

## **MAINTENANCE**

Exhibitors are responsible for the maintenance of the display including plant material and any mechanical device, lighting, etc. Plants may be either planted directly into the plot or kept in their original containers (which must contain soil medium). After your installation and initial watering, an irrigation system will handle your watering. Please indicate how often you need your plans irrigated after installation.

## **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 which have face plates that are 4.5" x 2.25". Please return the label stakes at the end of the fair.

Use a sign (approx. 10" x 14") 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.....	\$150
Each Red Ribbon Display.....	\$100
Each White Ribbon Display .....	\$50
Sweepstakes .....	Plaque
Reserve Sweepstakes .....	Rosette

*Premiums will only be awarded for the higher placing display if one Chapter has two entries.*

## **SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES**

Each Chapter in this category will receive \$500 to help cover the expense of construction of the display. Expense money will be presented after the fair along with any premiums.

## **FUTURE THEMES**

2022.....	Butterfly Garden
2023.....	Landscape for Color

JUDSON AVE

CLOUGH ST

MIRACLE  
OF  
BIRTH CENTER

STAGE

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W.  
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All booths 14' x 14'

496

# 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 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> <b>BLUE</b> <b>RED</b> <b>WHITE</b>	
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*Note: Judges are encouraged to use the back of this scorecard for additional comments/suggestions*

# 2021 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  
(*You Must Still Contact Virginia Before Arriving*): \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Complete and return by July 15, 2021:**  
Competition Department, Minnesota State Fair  
1265 Snelling Avenue North  
Saint Paul, MN 55108-3003  
651-288-4417

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