

2023 Minnesota State Fair FFA Landscape Design and Construction Competition

THEME – LANDSCAPE FOR COLOR

The design should incorporate colorful plant materials.

ENTRIES

1. The first 10 entries, with no more than two entries per chapter, will be accepted. Entries close July 14. No deposit. Entry must be made in the name of the chapter actually in charge of the exhibit.
2. Exhibitors from the 2022 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 CHS 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. All exhibits must be in place by 12:01 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 24; 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. 4 (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 **NOT** provide plant markers as they have in the past. Please use plant label stakes which are easily read by the viewer. 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.

Use a sign (approx. 10" x 14") displaying the theme. This will be included in judging for the label category.

SCORE CARD

Design	50%
Landscape construction	15%
Correct and clear label.....	15%
Specimen quality.....	10%
Accessories/lighting.....	5%
Following the theme	5%

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	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 \$1000 to help cover the expense of construction of the display. Expense money will be presented after the fair along with any premiums.

FUTURE THEMES

2024	Climate Change and Landscape for Drought
2025.....	Landscape for the Seasons

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PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN

35 Points Possible

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

Emphasis/Focalization/Dominance - Strengths	Suggestions for improvement	Points earned (5 points possible)
Balance - Strengths	Suggestions for improvement	Points earned (5 points possible)
Proportion/Scale - Strengths	Suggestions for improvement	Points earned (5 points possible)
Repetition - Strengths	Suggestions for improvement	Points earned (5 points possible)
Rhythm - Strengths	Suggestions for improvement	Points earned (5 points possible)
Contrast - Strengths	Suggestions for improvement	Points earned (5 points possible)
Unity/Harmony - Strengths	Suggestions for improvement	Points earned (5 points possible)

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
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LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION

15 Points Possible

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

Strengths	Suggestions for improvement	Points earned
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Note: Judges are encouraged to use the back of this scorecard for additional comments/suggestions

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CORRECT & CLEAR LABELING & SIGNS

15 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

5 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

FOLLOWING THE THEME

5 Points Possible

Evaluation criteria: Appropriate plant materials and garden accessories that reflect the theme.

Strengths	Suggestions for improvement	Points earned

Total points (100 possible)

Total points

Final rank (1 = highest points; 2 = 2nd highest points, etc.)

Ribbon / Premium Awarded (circle one) BLUE RED WHITE

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2023 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*): _____

Do you need electricity? Yes No

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

Complete and return by July 14, 2023:
Competition Department, Minnesota State Fair
Email to: virginia.mold@mnstatefair.org

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