

# **2024 Minnesota State Fair FFA Landscape Design and Construction Competition**

## **THEME - CLIMATE CHANGE AND LANDSCAPE FOR DROUGHT**

In the face of climate change and increasing water scarcity it is crucial to make sustainable choices for gardens. Design your garden to support local ecosystems.

### **ENTRIES**

1. The first 10 entries, with no more than two entries per chapter, will be accepted. Entries close July 15. 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](mailto:virginia.mold@mnstatefair.org). All exhibits must be in place by 12:01 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22; 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

Principles of Design.....	35% (5% each)
<input type="checkbox"/> Emphasis/Focalization/Dominance	<input type="checkbox"/> Rhythm
<input type="checkbox"/> Balance	<input type="checkbox"/> Contrast
<input type="checkbox"/> Proportion/Scale	<input type="checkbox"/> Unity/ Harmony
<input type="checkbox"/> Repetition	
Elements of Design.....	15%
<input type="checkbox"/> Line	<input type="checkbox"/> Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Color	<input type="checkbox"/> Space
<input type="checkbox"/> Texture	<input type="checkbox"/> Mass
Landscape Construction and Accessories/Lighting.....	15%
Correct and Clear Label and Specimen Quality.....	15%
Following Theme.....	20%

## 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

2025..... Landscape for the Seasons

# FFA Landscape Design and Construction Competition Scorecard

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Principles of Design:</b> Effective achievement of practical scale and use of design principles consistent to the theme.		
	Comments	35 Points Possible
Emphasis/Focalization/Dominance		
Balance		
Proportion/Scale		
Proportion		
Rhythm		
Contrast		
Unity/Harmony		
<b>Elements of Design:</b> Effective and practical use of elements are the materials from which all designs are built.		
	Comments	15 Points Possible
Line                      Texture		
Mass                      Form		
Color                      Space		
<b>Landscape Construction and Accessories/Lighting:</b> Proper use/installation of hardscape material and garden accessories/lighting.		
	Comments	15 Points Possible
Installation		
Accessories/Lighting		
<b>Plant Specimen Quality/Correct and Clear Labeling:</b> Signs must be consistent with the theme; include common and scientific names, visually readable from visitor's walkway and appropriately placed.		
	Comments	15 Points Possible
Specimen Quality		
Labeling		
<b>Adherence to the Theme</b>		
	Comments	20 Points Possible
<b>Total Points (100 possible)</b>		
<b>Final Rank (1=Highest points; 2=2nd Highest points, etc.)</b>		
<b>Ribbon/Premium Awarded (circle one)    BLUE                      RED                      WHITE</b>		
<b>Overall Strengths and Weaknesses:</b>		

# 2024 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 15, 2024:**  
Competition Department, Minnesota State Fair  
Email to: [virginia.mold@mnstatefair.org](mailto:virginia.mold@mnstatefair.org)

**MINNESOTA STATE FAIR** 