

Kalamazoo County Fair 4-H Arts Guidelines

- Includes original pictures in various media, original jewelry, and original designs for various uses like greetings, CD covers, fashion, etc. (No kits or copies of other's art)
- One or two pictures of the same media can be entered in one category. Pictures may be the same or different sizes. Subject matter can be any subject including abstract as long as it is appropriate for display in a family atmosphere: seascape, landscape, still life, animals, portraits, geometric, objects, etc.
- Each successive year that youth are in the art project, they should show increased level of exploration or difficulty in technique and/or subject matter. Also they should be ready to talk about what that new goal(s) is that they have for their art work that year with the judge.
- To accomplish the most learning and the most improvement, it is suggested to do multiple art projects in their area of interest each year and then choose the best one or two to exhibit.
- The entry categories of "small" or "large" noted below are approximately sized as the artwork visible in the entry being "small" means 9" x 12" or smaller; then "large" means over 9" x 12".
- If artwork is especially large, like over 4 ft. a good quality photograph(s) should be taken of it and entered. An example is a mural or wall painting.
- Fair entries should be matted, mounted, or framed for best display and for protection of fragile originals. To assist in displaying, please have a secure method of hanging the items.

Types of Art:

- Acrylic painting small
- Acrylic painting large
- Oil painting small
- Oil painting large
- Pencil drawing small
- Pencil drawing large
- Charcoal drawing small
- Charcoal drawing large
- Pastel drawing small
- Pastel drawing large

- Tempera painting small
- Tempera painting large
- Water Color small
- Water Color large
- Pen and/or ink drawing small
- Pen and/or ink drawing large
- Air brush or spray paint small
- Air brush or spray paint large
- Print Making small
- Print Making large
- Mixed Media small; where 2 or more media are a significant part of the picture
- Mixed Media large; where 2 or more media are a significant part of the picture
- Computer generated art, original that was done in software (if done from a photo it should be predominately reworked as art, and from your photograph)
- All other media small; that is not listed above
- All other media large; that is not listed above
- Cartoon drawings small series as a cartoon strip
- Cartoon drawing large
- Greeting Cards, 4 any size, mount and display board
- Fashion Design, 4 complete outfits display on boards or spiral pads
- CD or DVD Covers - Quantity of 4 display on board.
- Miniature designs - any media - quantity of 4 display on board.
- Mosaic picture in paper
- Mosaic picture in tile or glass, etc.
- Jewelry series of 3 simple pieces
- Jewelry, 1 or 2 complex pieces

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