



2025 NESHOPA COUNTY FAIR

Exhibit Hall Art Show Contest

Eligibility

All entries must be entirely original in concept and not previously shown at The Neshoba County Fair. The Art Show judge will make final determinations of the eligibility of the artwork.

Categories—Each artist will pick the category that applies. Any artist wanting to sell their work after the exhibit hall is closed, must price it when submitting the entry.

• Amateur (18 or older)-eligible for cash awards

- ⇒ Cannot hold a degree in visual arts or teach visual arts at any level.
- ⇒ Has not won \$500 or more in other art competitions.
- ⇒ Cannot be actively selling art.

• Professional (18 or older)-eligible for cash awards

- ⇒ Actively selling art
- ⇒ Have a background in teaching or holding a degree in visual arts
- ⇒ Earned \$500 or more dollars in previous art shows.

• Students (17 and younger)-no cash awards

Rules for entering Art Show (all categories):

1. Paper or paper stock works must be under Plexiglass or heavy acetate. Especially for student work on paper.
2. Work must not exceed 30 lbs.
3. Each entry will hang the entire week of the Fair in the Exhibit Hall and may not be removed before removal time.
4. All works must be delivered in person. We will not make shipping arrangements.
5. All works must be completed and ready for hanging. Screws, eyes, nails, and wire must be affixed to paintings. **NO SAW-TOOTH HANGERS.**
6. Artwork must be no smaller than 16", including the frame.
7. **NO LARGER THAN 4' x 4'.**
8. All entries must be original works by the artist and completed after **June 2023.**

Reproduction

The Neshoba County Fair® reserves the right to reproduce accepted works in catalogs and press.

Liability

The artist should provide their insurance. The Neshoba County Fair® Association will take every precaution against damage or theft but will not be responsible for damage or loss, whatever the cause. Submission of an entry to this exhibition constitutes the artist's agreement to all terms and conditions stated.

Steps for Entering the Art Show

- Pre-registration is required (all categories).
- Each artist (all categories) is limited to 2 works.
- Each work must have the artist's name, address, title, and media on the back of the work. Please use the label provided.
- All entries (all categories) must be dropped off and picked up by the deadline listed under important dates. This is the last date and time that people will be at the exhibit hall. Any works not claimed by **Friday, August 1**, can be picked up at the fair office on the fairgrounds the week following the fair. There will be a storage fee of \$10.
- Cannot drive to Exhibit hall to drop off or pick up.
- Adult categories (Amateur/Professional) require a \$20 entry fee for each entry. Make check payable to:

The Neshoba County Fair Association
Attn: Abby Jenkins/Exhibit Hall Art Show
16800 Highway 21 South, Philadelphia, MS,
39350

Important Dates

- Fri., July 11—Deadline for entry cards (all categories), entry fee (adults only)
- Sun. July 20—First drop off 2PM-4PM
- Weds. July 23—Final drop-off 5:30 PM-7:30 PM
- Thurs. July 24—Artwork hung and judged
- Fri. July 25—Judged Artwork available for viewing
- Fri. Aug. 2—Pickup of entries; 9-11 a.m.

Awards			
Professional		Amateur	
Best in Show	\$600	Best in Show	\$400
2 nd Place	\$400	2 nd Place	\$300
3 rd Place	\$300	3 rd Place	\$200
No Cash Awards will be awarded in the student art show, participation ribbons only.			

ENTRY CARD 2025

To be filled in by the artist and returned with \$20 fee to:
The Neshoba County Fair® Association
16800 Highway 21 South, Philadelphia, MS 39350

ATTACH TO BACK OF ENTRY

Name _____

Category (check one):
☐ Professional
☐ Amateur
☐ Student (17 and below)

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Title _____

Media _____

Price _____

Title of Work _____

Price (if selling) _____

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