

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL YOUTH FOCUS COMPETITION

SANCTIONED BY THE
SONOMA-MARIN FAIR



JUNE 24-28, 2020

INTRODUCTION

The Sonoma-Marín Fair Youth Focus is an educational program established for the purpose of recognizing the quality assignments and accomplishments of our students in 9th through 12th grades. Youth Focus will take place during the annual Sonoma-Marín Fair to be held June 24-28, 2020 in Petaluma. We invite all students (enrolled in 9th - 12th grades) and teachers to participate. The Youth Focus will provide the forum for the youths of Sonoma and Marin Counties to come together for the common goal of showcasing their talents and accomplishments, in a variety of categories: art, poetry, short stories, yearbook, community service, and journalism.

FOCUS SPECIAL SWEEPSTAKES OFFERED TO THE SCHOOLS

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$500.00	\$300.00	\$200.00

FOCUS SPECIAL SWEEPSTAKES:

Will be based on each: 1st award - 5 points; 2nd award - 4 points; 3rd award - 3 points; 4th award - 2 points; 5th award - 1 point.

The schools earning the most points from entries submitted by the students through their schools will be awarded the sweepstakes.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SONOMA-MARIN FAIR YOUTH FOCUS

- **PROVIDE RECOGNITION FOR STUDENTS.**
- **MOTIVATE RESPONSIBILITY.**
- **ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP ACTIVITIES.**
- **PROVIDE AWARDS BY COMPETITION**

ENTRY FORMS DUE: Friday, May 15 by 5:00 pm

DELIVER EXHIBITS TO: Community Exhibit Building Friday, June 19, 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm **OR** Saturday, June 20, 7:00 am - 1:00 pm

PICK UP EXHIBITS: Monday, June 29, 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

ENTRY LIMIT: See Individual Section Rules

ENTRY FEE: \$1.00 per entry per class

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING
CASH AWARDS OFFERED PER CLASS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
\$25.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	RIBBON	RIBBON

RULES:

1. Participation is open to all students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in Sonoma and Marin Counties.
2. The Youth Focus Supervisor has the right to limit exhibits due to the facilities available. Entry forms will be dated as received and a priority list will be established.
3. All exhibits will be accepted unless contestant is notified otherwise.
4. Although security will be on duty and every precaution will be taken in the safeguarding of art pieces, the Sonoma-Marin Fair and personnel connected with the Junior Art Exhibit will not be held responsible for any damage or loss of entries due to any cause whatsoever. It is advised that persons who are interested in personal insurance seek the help and advice of their own agents.
5. All equipment brought to the competition by the contestants should be clearly marked with contestant's name and school.
6. All exhibits must remain on display for the duration of the Fair.
7. Exhibits must be original works by Sonoma and Marin County students enrolled in the 9th-12th grades only. Exhibits must not have been shown in a previous Sonoma-Marin Fair.
8. The judge is authorized to reject any work that does not comply with the rules and/or definitions.

ART RULES:

1. Contestant may enter a maximum of **three (3) items**.
2. Paintings must be dry. All watercolors, temperas, gouaches, caseins, acrylics, pastels, drawings, photographs, and prints **must be** matted in black or mounted on black poster board. Construction paper frames will be accepted. Matted works will be ready for hanging. Sawtooth hangers, fish line string or glue-on tabs are NOT acceptable. No frames or glass.
3. Overall dimensions of works and frames must not exceed 4' by 5'. Sculptures are not to exceed 50 pounds.
4. Any inquiry of purchase can be arranged with the student at the close of the Fair.

SECTION 185 – FINE ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

NOTE: Classes may be further separated into additional classes of like items if entries merit.

Class

- 1 **Paintings:** Oils, acrylics and mixed media (collages, etc.)
No works projecting more than 3" from backside of supporting plane may be entered under this section.
- 2 **Watercolors:** All media and mixed media.
- 3 **Graphics:** Serigraphs, lithographs, etchings, intaglio, and other printing techniques.
- 4 **Graphics:** Charcoal and other drawings
- 5 **Scratch Boards**
- 6 **Three Dimensional Work:** Sculpture (including non-utilitarian ceramic sculpture), metal, jewelry, and stained glass. Sculptures, including bas-relief which project more than 3". All media accepted except plaster and perishable materials.
- 7 **Photography:** Black & White Portraits. Slides will not be accepted.
- 8 **Photography:** Black & White all others. Slides will not be accepted.

- 9 **Ceramics:** Includes all fired pottery and ceramic forms, utilitarian vessels, containers and blown or cast glass forms other than those which are sculptured (see Class #6).
- 10 **Any Other:** Please specify.
- 11 **Photography:** Color
- 12 **Photography:** Manipulated (Photoshop, filters, etc.)

POETRY RULES:

1. Contestant may enter a maximum of **five (5) poems**.
2. Poems are to be in English only, of not more than 3 pages of any style, form or subject.
3. Poems must be original and uncopyrighted.
4. Authors retain all rights, but in submitting poems to this competition, agree to their use for display or publicity as the Sonoma-Marin Fair sees fit.
5. Submit one copy of each poem, typed double-spaced on 8.5" x 11" paper. Paper clip to **EACH** poem and on back of page put author's name, address, telephone number, school, title and first line of poem, and section number. Poems will be judged without identification to ensure fair and impartial judging.

SECTION 186 – POETRY

Class

- 1 Any Poem

YEARBOOK RULES:

1. Schools are to submit a 2019 Yearbook for judging.
2. Enter Yearbook under your school name/yearbook staff. Complete one Youth Focus Entry Form and mail or deliver it along with the entry fee no later than 5:00 pm Friday May 15, 2020, to the Fair Administration Office.

SECTION 187 – YEARBOOK (GROUP ENTRY)

Class

- 1 Yearbook printed professionally
- 2 Yearbook printed by the school

SHORT STORY RULES:

1. Contestant may enter a maximum of **two (2)** short stories.
2. Short stories are to be in English only, of not more than four (4) pages on any subject.
3. Short stories must be original and not copyrighted.
4. Authors retain all rights, but in submitting short stories to this competition, agree to their use for display or publicity as the Sonoma-Marín Fair sees fit.
5. Submit two (2) copies of each short story, typed double-spaced on 8.5" x 11" paper. A title is encouraged. Paper clip to **EACH** short story a 3" x 5" card with author's name, address, telephone number, school, title and first line of short story, and section number. Short stories will be judged without identification to ensure fair and impartial judging.

SECTION 188 – SHORT STORIES

Class

1. Any Short Story

JOURNALISM RULES:

1. Students may submit a maximum of **four (4)** separate items for judging in any one category. Each item can be entered in one category only. For example, an article in Features may not also be entered as an article in Individual Page.
2. Each exhibit must be mounted separately on cardboard or construction paper (any color).
3. Student's name is NOT to appear on the item entered. Paper clip to each item a 3" x 5" card with the student's name, address, telephone number, section and class entered, and the headline, first line or title of article. Exhibits will be judged without identification to ensure fair and impartial judging.
4. Each item entered must be original.

5. Students retain all rights, but in submitting journalism exhibits to this contest, agree to their use for display or publicity as the Sonoma-Marín Fair sees fit.
6. Two students may not enter the same items, even if both students authored the article.

SECTION 189 – JOURNALISM

Class

- 1 News Articles
- 2 Editorials
- 3 Features
- 4 Sports
- 5 Individual Pages (layout)
- 6 Specialty Features (single or multiple page layout on a specific topic)
- 7 Columns (to show continuous quality, entries must include 3 samples)
- 8 Reviews
- 9 Cartoons/Cartoon Strips

JOURNALISM SCORECARD:

Content _____	30%
Originality _____	30%
Mechanics _____	25%
Neatness _____	15%
Total _____	100%

SECTION 190 – I LOVE THIS COMMUNITY

It's your community and you shape it! Students will display on a tri-fold presentation board, not to exceed 36"x48", a community service project they have contributed to during their High School Career.

RULES:

1. The American System of Judging will be used.
2. This contest is open to Marin & Sonoma County High School students, Class of 2020, 2021, and 2022.
3. One entry per person.
4. Service presented in contest must be completed during the High School Career

Class

- 1 *"I Love This Town"*

S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math)

SECTION 254 – PHYSICAL SCIENCES

(ENERGY, PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY ETC.)

SECTION 255 – LIFE SCIENCES

(NATURAL RESOURCES)

SECTION 256 – EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE

(ASTRONOMY, GEOLOGY, CLIMATOLOGY ETC.)

SECTION 257 – APPLICATIONS TO ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

(ROBOTICS, ROCKETS, DRONES, MAPPING, LEGO (ENGINEERING), ELECTRONICS, RENEWABLE ENERGY ETC.)

Class

- 1 Educational Poster, Summaries of work, Photo's (2x3)
- 2 K-12 Class Projects, After School Program,
- 3 Maker projects, Engineering and Tinkering Projects

SECTION 258 – S.T.E.M AWARDS

Class

1. Best of Show Physical Sciences -----\$25 & Rosette
2. Best of Show Life Sciences -----\$25 & Rosette
3. Best of Show Earth & Space Sciences -----\$25 & Rosette
4. Best of Show Applic. to Engineering & Tech. -----\$25 & Rosette

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE ONLINE
ENTRY FORMS DUE BY FRIDAY MAY 15, 2020

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