

2024 Texas Rice Festival Floral Design Competition

Contest Date: All designs must be delivered to the Winnie Community Building between 10:00-11:00 am Thursday October 3, 2024. Judging will take place immediately after.

Entry Information: Entry Deadline is **October 1, 2024** all checks and entries must be mailed to:
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PO Box 147
Winnie, TX 77665

- Submission of an entry form means you agree that the decision of the judges is final, and you agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Texas Rice Festival Floral Competition.
- It is the responsibility of the contestant/advisor to confirm that the entry has been received.
- There is an entry fee of **\$20.00** to enter the Floral Design Competition.
- A maximum of 50 Competitors may participate in the Floral Design Competition. Entries will be accepted on a first received basis.
- Entries are limited to one Entry per Competitor and 5 Competitors per FFA/4-H Chapter.
- Entries must be submitted by individual Competitors only; team entries are not permitted.

Contest Rules:

- Competitors must be a member of a 4H/FFA Chapter
- The Show has the right to refuse any entry that has a serious disease or insect problem.
- No entries with copyright or licensing infringement will be accepted. If there is any reproduction, in whole or in part, of a registered trademark or work of another individual, the Show reserves the right to disqualify the entry.
- The Show is a family-oriented event. The Texas Rice Festival reserves the right to disqualify any entry that, in the show's sole judgment, is deemed inappropriate for family viewing, controversial, or in poor taste prior to judging and display.
- The Show will not be liable for entries made in error and will not re-open judging to accommodate such entries.
- All entries must be the work product of the individual listed as the Competitor on the Entry Form.
- The Show is not responsible for lost, damaged, or dead items. Small items, accessories, etc.... should be securely fastened to their container. Items of great sentimental value should not be used.
- Any entry that does not comply with all competition rules will be disqualified.

Design Guidelines:

Competitors are required to design a floral arrangement for a table that embodies the theme "**Fall in Southeast Texas**". Floral Arrangements can be for a dining table, buffet table, coffee table, a guest book sign in table, etc.)

- Competitors must describe the use and purpose of their floral arrangement entry for the judges on a 5 x 7 card.
- Entry should be designed to be viewed from all sides.
- Accessories may be used in the floral arrangement entry; however, emphasis should be on the creative use of fresh cut materials to represent the theme rather than of accessories to create a scene.
- Artificial floral, plant and foliage may not be used in the entry.
- Flowers and foliage on the entry should be free of blemishes, insects, and disease. Flowers and foliage must be able to stay alive for at least 3 days from time of entry delivery.
- Accessories may not be added to the table setting (including, but not limited to, silverware, decorative items, place mats, books, glassware).
- Entries will be displayed on a 36" round cocktail table with a black table covering. The Competitor is responsible for positioning their design on the table covering. Competitors are required to use the table covering provided by the Show. The table and table covering provided are for display purposes only and will not be considered in the judging. Designs should not exceed 36" in width.

Judging:

Judging will be performed by two judges familiar with this type of competitive event.

- All entries will be judged on a 100-point system and receive a score sheet.
- Judging will be based on the following four categories:
 - o Up to 25 points for Design Aesthetics – Line/form, Color, and Greenery vs. Flowers
 - o Up to 25 points for Design Principles – Balance, Focal Point, Proportion, and Unity
 - o Up to 25 points for Mechanics/Execution – Neatness and cleanliness of design, proper coverage of foam, sturdiness of design.
 - o Up to 25 points for Creativity.
- Judging will take place Thursday, October 3, 2024, beginning promptly at 11:00 a.m. following all entry deliveries.
- Only judges and Floral Design Competition committee members will be allowed inside the competition area while judging is in progress.
- Judge's decisions are final. Protests will not be considered.
- Winning entries will be announced at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2024. Awards and Judges notes may be picked up at this time. **Grand and Reserve Champions will receive a banner and are required to donate their designs to the Cancer Auction that will take place on Saturday October 5 at 1pm.** All other entries may remain in the Community Building for viewing throughout the festival but must be picked up by 6pm Saturday October 5.

2024 Texas Rice Festival Floral Design Competition Entry Form

Entry Fee: \$20

Students Name Printed: _____

4H/FFA Chapter: _____

4H/FFA Advisors Contact Information:

Name _____

E-mail _____

Entry Title: _____

Please list all plant and floral material you are considering using. Please include a description of the container as well as any accessories that may be used:

We, the below-named Student & 4H/FFA Advisor certify that the above titled and described entry will be the sole work product of the student and that the Texas Rice Festival Floral Design Competition Rules will be followed in the creation/preparation of the Entry.

Students Signature

Date

4H/FFA Advisor Signature

Date

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