STUDENT ARTWORK

We highly encourage you to enter your students' artwork online at www.pimacountyfair.com.
Get involved!

PRICE OF ENTRIES

Registration is Now Free! Submit your entries without paying an entry fee

Contest Theme: "What Makes Me Unique"

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Participation in the Theme Contest is optional.

This year's themed contest, "What Makes Me Unique," encourages students to express what makes them special. Artwork may reflect their family, culture, hobbies, talents, dreams, experiences, personality, or anything else that tells their unique story.
From self-portraits and favorite activities to meaningful memories and future goals, students are encouraged to use their creativity to celebrate what makes them one of a kind.

WHAT MAKES ME UNIQUE THEME CONTEST
ALL GRADE LEVELS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ENTER!

What makes you, YOU? Students are encouraged to express their personality, interests, talents, family, culture, goals, hobbies, or anything else that makes them unique through art, writing, photography, crafts, and other creative projects.

DIVISIONS BY GRADE LEVEL

ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
500 – Preschool	507 – 6th Grade	510 – 9th Grade
501 – Kindergarten	508 – 7th Grade	511 – 10th Grade
502 – 1st Grade	509 – 8th Grade	512 – 11th Grade
503 – 2nd Grade		513 – 12th Grade
504 – 3rd Grade		
505 – 4th Grade		
506 – 5th Grade		

CLASSES

700 – ARTS & CRAFTS
Collages, posters, handmade crafts, or other creative projects that represent what makes you unique. Entries should not exceed 24" x 30". Three-dimensional entries must be sturdy and safe for display.

701 – CERAMICS & SCULPTURE
Original clay, pottery, ceramic, or three-dimensional artwork. Entries should not exceed 18" in any direction and must be sturdy for display.

702 – CREATIVE WRITING
Original poems, short stories, essays, or personal narratives inspired by the theme "What Makes Me Unique." Entries should not exceed 3 typed or neatly handwritten pages on 8½" x 11" paper and should include a title.

703 – DECORATIVE ROCK
Decorate a rock using paint, glitter, rhinestones, sequins, ribbon, flowers, or other creative materials. Rocks must measure between 2½" and 6" and should relate to the theme.

704 – DRAWING
Original artwork using pencil, colored pencil, charcoal, crayons, markers, pastels, or similar drawing media. Artwork should not exceed 18" x 24" and must be mounted or matted for display. No frames or glass.

705 – PAINTING
Original artwork using watercolor, acrylic, tempera, or similar painting media. Artwork should not exceed 18" x 24" and must be suitable for display. No glass.

706 – PHOTOGRAPHY
An original color or black-and-white photograph taken by the student that relates to the theme. Photographs must be printed and mounted for display. Suggested print size is 5" x 7" to 8" x 10". No frames or glass.

707 – SEWING & NEEDLE CRAFT
Original sewing, embroidery, crochet, knitting, quilting, or other fiber-art project completed primarily by the student. Entries should be clean and ready for display.

708 – MIXED MEDIA
Original artwork combining two or more artistic media, such as paint, drawing, photographs, paper, or fabric. Entries should not exceed 24" x 30" and must be suitable for display.

709 – DIGITAL ART & GRAPHIC DESIGN
Original artwork or graphic design created by the student using a computer, tablet, or other digital device. Entries must be submitted as a printed copy and should not exceed 11" x 17".

710 – "ALL ABOUT ME" POSTER
Create a poster showing what makes you unique through drawings, photographs, words, hobbies, family, goals, favorite things, or other personal interests. Posters should not exceed 22" x 28".

711 – STEAM CREATION
Design or build an original project using science, technology, engineering, art, and/or mathematics that represents your interests, personality, future goals, or an idea you would like to explore. Projects should not exceed 24" x 24" x 24" and must be sturdy, safe, and suitable for display throughout the Fair.

SPECIAL AWARDS

🏆 **Best in Grade Level Award – $10 Prize**

Awarded to the top entry in each grade level that best represents creativity, originality, and the "What Makes Me Unique" theme.

🏫 **Outstanding Classroom Participation Award – $30 Prize**

Awarded to the classroom that demonstrates outstanding participation, creativity, and support of the "What Makes Me Unique" Theme Contest.

NEED INSPIRATION?

Students can interpret the "What Makes Me Unique" theme in many creative ways.
Here are a few ideas to get started:

ABOUT ME

- Self-portraits
- Favorite hobbies or activities
- Talents and interests
- Things that make me special
- My favorite things

FAMILY & COMMUNITY

- Family traditions or culture
- People who inspire me
- My school or community
- A special family memory
- What home means to me

DREAMS & GOALS

- What I want to be when I grow up
- Future goals and dreams
- My future self
- How I want to make a difference

TEACHER PROJECT IDEAS

- "All About Me" self-portraits
- Family heritage projects
- "My Future Self" artwork
- Personal interest collages
- Memory or dream boards
- Creative writing or poetry projects
- Classroom "What Makes Us Unique" projects

These are just a few ideas to inspire creativity. Students are encouraged to interpret the theme in their own unique way!

ART AND CRAFTS
DIVISIONS BY GRADE LEVEL

ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
514 – Preschool	**521 – 6th Grade**	**524 – 9th Grade**
515 – Kindergarten	**522 – 7th Grade**	**525 – 10th Grade**
516 – 1st Grade	**523 – 8th Grade**	**526 – 11th Grade**
517 – 2nd Grade		**527 – 12th Grade**
518 – 3rd Grade		
519 – 4th Grade		
520 – 5th Grade		

ART AND CRAFTS

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
801	3D
802	Beadwork
803	Deco Mesh
804	Diorama
805	Feather
806	Gourds-Painted, Burned, etc.
807	Leather Craft Article-Hand Tooled, Sewn, etc.
808	Jewelry
809	Masks
810	Metalwork
811	Paper Mache
812	Perler Beads
813	Stained Glass
814	String/Yarn
815	Tie Dye or Batik
816	Tin Foil
817	Water Globes
818	Woodwork-Furniture & Small Projects
819	Woodwork-Whittled or Carved
820	Collage-Decoupage
821	Printmaking
822	Computer/Graphic art
823	Other-Art/Crafts

CERAMICS
DIVISIONS BY GRADE LEVEL

ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
528 – Preschool	535 – 6th Grade	538 – 9th Grade
529 – Kindergarten	536 – 7th Grade	539 – 10th Grade
530 – 1st Grade	537 – 8th Grade	540 – 11th Grade
531 – 2nd Grade		541 – 12th Grade
532 – 3rd Grade		
533 – 4th Grade		
534 – 5th Grade		

CERAMICS

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
824	Ceramic Article, Molded by Entrant
825	Ceramic Article, Pre-Molded
826	Fired, Hand-Molded Clay Article
827	Hand-Molded Clay Article
828	Plaster Craft Article
829	Other-Ceramics

CREATIVE WRITING
DIVISIONS BY GRADE LEVEL

ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
542 – Preschool	549 – 6th Grade	552 – 9th Grade
543 – Kindergarten	550 – 7th Grade	553 – 10th Grade
544 – 1st Grade	551 – 8th Grade	554 – 11th Grade
545 – 2nd Grade		555 – 12th Grade
546 – 3rd Grade		
547 – 4th Grade		
548 – 5th Grade		

CREATIVE WRITING

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
830	Essays
831	Memoirs
832	Poems
833	Short Biography
834	Short Skit or Play
835	Short Stories
836	Other-Creative Writing

DECORATIVE ROCK
DIVISIONS BY GRADE LEVEL

ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
556 – Preschool	563 – 6th Grade	566 – 9th Grade
557 – Kindergarten	564 – 7th Grade	567 – 10th Grade
558 – 1st Grade	565 – 8th Grade	568 – 11th Grade
559 – 2nd Grade		569 – 12th Grade
560 – 3rd Grade		
561 – 4th Grade		
562 – 5th Grade		

DECORATIVE ROCK

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
837	Animals/Insects
838	Holiday Decoration
839	Landscapes
840	Portrait/Faces
841	School Colors/Theme
842	Other-Decorative Rock

DECORATIVE SHOE
DIVISIONS BY GRADE LEVEL

ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
570 – Preschool	577 – 6th Grade	580 – 9th Grade
571 – Kindergarten	578 – 7th Grade	581 – 10th Grade
572 – 1st Grade	579 – 8th Grade	582 – 11th Grade
573 – 2nd Grade		583 – 12th Grade
574 – 3rd Grade		
575 – 4th Grade		
576 – 5th Grade		

DECORATIVE SHOE

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
843	Collage Shoe
844	Dressy Shoe
845	School Colors/Theme
846	Southwestern Shoe
847	Sporty Shoe
848	Other-Decorative Shoe

DRAWINGS
DIVISIONS BY GRADE LEVEL

ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
584 – Preschool	**591 – 6th Grade**	**594 – 9th Grade**
585 – Kindergarten	**592 – 7th Grade**	**595 – 10th Grade**
586 – 1st Grade	**593 – 8th Grade**	**596 – 11th Grade**
587 – 2nd Grade		**597 – 12th Grade**
588 – 3rd Grade		
589 – 4th Grade		
590 – 5th Grade		

DRAWINGS

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
849	3D
850	Chalk
851	Crayon Drawings
852	Etching
853	Graffiti
854	Ink, Pen & Colored Marker Drawings
855	Pencil Drawings
856	Other-Drawings

GARDENING
DIVISIONS BY GRADE LEVEL

ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
598 – Preschool	**605 – 6th Grade**	**608 – 9th Grade**
599 – Kindergarten	**606 – 7th Grade**	**609 – 10th Grade**
600 – 1st Grade	**607 – 8th Grade**	**610 – 11th Grade**
601 – 2nd Grade		**611 – 12th Grade**
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603 – 4th Grade		
604 – 5th Grade		

GARDENING

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
857	Mini Garden
858	Multiple Flowers
859	Potted Plant
860	Single Flower
861	Terrarium (plant/mini scene)
862	Vegetable Garden
863	Other-Gardening

PAINTS
DIVISIONS BY GRADE LEVEL

ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
612 – Preschool	619 – 6th Grade	622 – 9th Grade
613 – Kindergarten	620 – 7th Grade	623 – 10th Grade
614 – 1st Grade	621 – 8th Grade	624 – 11th Grade
615 – 2nd Grade		625 – 12th Grade
616 – 3rd Grade		
617 – 4th Grade		
618 – 5th Grade		

PAINTS

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
864	3D
865	Acrylic/Oil
866	Airbrush
867	Melted Crayons
868	Mixed Media
869	Spray Paint
870	Tempera
871	Watercolor
872	Other-Paints

SPECIAL PROJECTS
DIVISIONS BY GRADE LEVEL

ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
626 – Preschool	633 – 6th Grade	636 – 9th Grade
627 – Kindergarten	634 – 7th Grade	637 – 10th Grade
628 – 1st Grade	635 – 8th Grade	638 – 11th Grade
629 – 2nd Grade		639 – 12th Grade
630 – 3rd Grade		
631 – 4th Grade		
632 – 5th Grade		

SPECIAL PROJECT

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
873	3D Doodler Printing
874	Project Boards
875	Science Project
876	Other-Special Project

PHOTOGRAPHY
DIVISIONS BY GRADE LEVEL

ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
640 – Preschool	647 – 6th Grade	650 – 9th Grade
641 – Kindergarten	648 – 7th Grade	651 – 10th Grade
642 – 1st Grade	649 – 8th Grade	652 – 11th Grade
643 – 2nd Grade		653 – 12th Grade
644 – 3rd Grade		
645 – 4th Grade		
646 – 5th Grade		

PHOTOGRAPHY

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
877	2D
878	3D
879	Black & White
880	Color
881	Geo Filters
882	Group Selfie
883	Mixed Media
884	Selfie
885	Snapchat Effects
886	Underwater
887	Other-Photography

SEWING AND NEEDLE CRAFT
DIVISIONS BY GRADE LEVEL

ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
654 – Preschool	661 – 6th Grade	664 – 9th Grade
655 – Kindergarten	662 – 7th Grade	665 – 10th Grade
656 – 1st Grade	663 – 8th Grade	666 – 11th Grade
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659 – 4th Grade		
660 – 5th Grade		

SEWING AND NEEDLE CRAFT

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	CLASS	DESCRIPTION
888	Accessories or Novelty Articles Sewn by Entrant	894	Hooked Article
889	Clothing Sewn by Entrant	895	Knitted Article
890	Counted Cross-Stitch Article	896	Needlepoint Article
891	Crewel Article	897	Quilted Article (not to exceed 102x116)
892	Crocheted Article	898	Stuffed Toy
893	Embroidered Article	899	Other-Sewing and Needle Craft

AWARDS AND RIBBONS

1st Blue Ribbon
2nd Red Ribbon
3rd White Ribbon
Best of Show $25.00
Best of Class $15.00
People's Choice $30.00

Cash Awards:
Cash awards will be given as cash vouchers. Artists must collect these vouchers from the information desk inside Old Pueblo Hall located at the front entrance.
Cash vouchers must be redeemed no later than Monday, April 26, 2027.

Award Criteria:
Ribbons will only be awarded if the entry meets a standard of quality as determined by the judge. An entry must be deemed worthy to receive an award.

Judging System:
We use the Danish Judging System, where each entry is evaluated individually based on merit rather than in direct competition with others. All judging decisions are final.

Types of Judging:
Merit-Based Judging: Each piece is judged on its own merits according to set standards.

Competitive Judging:
Only entries selected for Best of Class, Best of Show, Contests, Themes, and People's Choice will be compared against other entries.

Best of Class Guidelines:
Entries with more than 15 will be judged as a class. Judges are instructed not to award ribbons unless the entry is deemed worthy. The Danish system of judging will be used, and each entry will be judged on its own merit rather than in competition.

After all entries have been judged a small sticker in the shape of a ribbon is placed on the Entry Tag to show off the beautiful Artwork from our students.

DROP OFF ARTWORK

Teachers can drop off and pick up artwork at the Old Pueblo Conference and Event Center, Pima County Fairgrounds 11300 S. Houghton Rd. Tucson, AZ 85747.

Yes, someone else can drop off or pick up your artwork on your behalf. Just make sure they have all the necessary details and any required Entry Tag to ensure a smooth drop-off and pick-up process.

Drop off Schedule:
Friday, April 2, 2027: 3pm - 6pm
Saturday, April 3, 2027: 10am - 2pm

PICK UP ARTWORK AND RIBBONS

Exciting News! You can now pick up your art and ribbons on the last day of the Fair.

Sunday, April 25, 2027: 4pm - 8pm (No drive-up access).
If you plan to pick up your artwork on Sunday, the last day of the fair, please note that an admission ticket and parking pass will still be required for each person to enter the fair and collect their artwork.

You will not be able to retrieve your artwork without these purchases.

Alternatively, you can pick up your artwork on the designated drive-up day listed below without needing to purchase an admission ticket.

PICKUP SCHEDULE:

Monday, April 26, 2027: 1:00pm - 5:00pm (Drive-up access available)

REMINDER TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS:

Artwork will be on display from 04/15/2027 through 04/25/2027

Please note that parents and teachers are not permitted to remove or take any artwork at any time during the display period. All artwork must remain on exhibit until the official pickup time.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

PIMA COUNTY FAIR
ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
FARMER JON'S LEARNING CENTER

Located inside Old Pueblo Hall Conference and Event Center, Farmer Jon's Learning Center is appropriate for all ages and provides an engaging way to learn about agriculture.

Children can:
"Pick" fruits and vegetables from the farm display
"Milk" Maggie the cow
Climb aboard a tractor
Explore a live worm composting bin
Enjoy baby chicks
Explore our seed wagon

4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK BARNS

Step into the animal barns to meet livestock raised and cared for by local 4-H and FFA students. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about animal husbandry, responsibility, and agricultural science.
For more information, contact the 4-H Extension Office at (520) 626-5161.

SCHOOL FIELD TRIP DAY

Monday April 19th, 2027 | 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Teachers are invited to register for their classes for the Pima County Fair's dedicated School Field Trip Day!

Participating classrooms will receive our interactive STEAM Trail Activity Booklet, designed to take students on a fun and educational adventure through Science, Technology, Engineering, Art/Agriculture, and Mathematics.
Using clues, guiding questions, and hands-on exploration, students will travel throughout the fairgrounds, visiting locations such as Old Pueblo Hall and the Livestock Barns, where they can learn about agriculture and meet 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors.

Please see and share "How to be Safe Around Animals" Flyer
After completing the STEAM Trail, students will receive a Treasure Bag filled with goodies as a reward for their participation and discovery!

For additional information and registration forms, visit www.PimaCountyFair.com.

HOW TO BE SAFE AROUND ANIMALS

Know that animals carry germs that can make people sick

Never eat, drink, or put things into your mouth in animal areas

Older adults, pregnant women, and young children should be extra careful around animals

Wash your hands with soap and water right after visiting the animal area

STUDENT ARTWORK ENTRY FORM
TEACHERS COMPLETE THIS FORM

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____
NAME OF TEACHER: _____
ADDRESS: _____CITY _____AZ ZIP_____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____ (Cell phone number please)

EXCLUSIVE EXHIBITOR PASS OFFER
This special opportunity is available only to those who enter artwork in the Pima County Fair Art Competition!
As a participating exhibitor, you may purchase up to two (2) Exhibitor Passes, each valid for all 11 days of the Pima County Fair.

YOUR EXHIBITOR PASS INCLUDES:
• Unlimited Fair admission for all 11 days, one complementary parking pass is included.
• The opportunity to visit your artwork throughout the Fair
• Access to exhibits, entertainment, attractions, and more all Fair long

EXHIBITOR PASS DETAILS:
• Cost: $30 per pass (Includes one complementary parking pass)
• Valid all 11 days of the Fair
• Limit two (2) passes per exhibitor

ADDITIONAL PARKING PASSES:
• Additional Parking passes may be purchased for $30 per vehicle, Valid for all 11 days of the Fair.
Limit two (2) passes per exhibitor.

With daily Fair admission valued at $13 per day, an 11-day Exhibitor Pass provides up to $143 in admission value for only $30 — a savings of up to $113 per pass!
This exclusive exhibitor benefit is not available to the public and is our way of thanking you for sharing your creativity and participating in the Pima County Fair Art Competition.

Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Southwestern Fair Commission, Inc. (SWFC).

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Please note that parents and teachers are not permitted to remove or take any artwork at any time during the display period. All artwork must remain on exhibit until the official pickup time.

STUDENT ART DROP-OFF & PICK-UP INFORMATION:
Artwork Drop-Off Times:
Friday, April 2, 2027 | 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Saturday, April 3, 2027 | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Please make sure all the artwork is clearly labeled and delivered during the times listed above.

ARTWORK & RIBBON PICK-UP:
Sunday, April 25, 2027 | 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM 🚫 No drive-up access available.
Admission ticket and parking pass are required for each person entering the fairgrounds.

DRIVE-UP PICK-UP (NO ADMISSION NEEDED):
If you prefer not to enter the fair, we also offer a convenient drive-up pick-up day:
Monday, April 26, 2027 | 1:00pm – 5:00 PM ✅ Drive-up access available.
No admission or parking pass is required.

I assume all risks of loss or damage to exhibits from point of delivery until release after the Fair and agree to abide by all stated rules and regulations.

Signature of Teacher_____ Date_____

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____
NAME OF TEACHER: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____AZ ZIP_____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____PHONE: _____

#	Division No.	Class No.	Title of Entry please print legibly the title will be displayed on the entry tag	Student Name	Age	Special Needs Y/N
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Exhibitor Passes are good for all eleven (11) days of the Fair, (Includes one commentary parking pass). $30 Each
Additional Parking Passes are good for all eleven (11) days of the fair. $30 Each
Passes for Main Gate Parking Only. Only 2 tickets may be purchased by each exhibitor.

1 Ticket $30.00_____
2 Tickets $60.00_____
Additional Parking passes $30.00_____ Total: _____