

Tennessee State Fair Competitions: Best of Tennessee State Exhibit Competition



1st place or Best of Show Winners of specific items at 2026 Tennessee county fairs may be eligible to compete in the 2027 Best of Tennessee State Exhibit Competition.

- To compete at the 2027 Tennessee State Fair, all entries must have won 1st place or Best of Show at a 2026 county fair in Tennessee.
- All items must be handmade by the exhibitor, and exhibitor must be a Tennessee resident.
- Qualified entries for the Tennessee State Fair Competition must be pre-entered by a county fair representative or UT/TSU Extension Agent.
- Adult categories for ages >18, Youth categories for ages 5-18 years

First place or Best of Show entries in the following categories may qualify for the 2027 TN State Fair Competition:

Arts (Amateurs Only, Must be framed, wired & ready to hang)

- Adult-Painting (Oil)
- Adult-Painting (Acrylic)
- Adult-Drawing-(Pen & Ink)
- Youth-Painting (Watercolor)
- Youth-Drawing (Color or Graphite Pencil)
- Youth-Drawing (Crayon)

Basketry (Adults Only)

- Under 12" woven basket
- 12" and above woven basket
- Crotchet Rag

Holiday Item (Adults Only)

- Wreath (any holiday)
- Christmas Ornament (no glass)
- Door Decoration (any holiday)
- Any other holiday item

Knitting, Crochet and Needlework

- Adults-Crochet-Crib Blanket
- Adults-Crochet-Afghan
- Adults-Crochet-Any other Crochet Item
- Adults-Knitting-Scarf
- Adults-Knitting-Crib Blanket
- Adults-Knitting-Afghan
- Adults-Knitting-Any Other Knitted Item
- Adults-Counted Cross-Stitch Under 15"
- Adults-Counted Cross-Stitch 15" and Above
- Adults-Embroidery Machine under 15"
- Adults-Embroidery Machine 15" and above
- Adults-Embroidery-Hand (plain, ribbon, satin, crewel) under 15"
- Adults-Embroidery-Hand (plain, ribbon, satin, crewel) 15" and above
- Adults-Needlepoint under 15"
- Adults-Needlepoint 15" and above
- Adults-Wall Hanging (any size 36"x36" and under)
- Youth-Crochet-Crib Blanket
- Youth -Crochet-Afghan
- Youth-Crochet-Any other Crochet Item
- Youth-Knitting-Scarf
- Youth-Knitting-Crib Blanket
- Youth-Knitting-Afghan
- Youth-Knitting-Any Other Knitted Item
- Youth-Counted Cross-Stitch Under 15"
- Youth-Counted Cross-Stitch 15" and Above
- Youth-Embroidery Machine under 15"
- Youth-Embroidery Machine 15" and above
- Youth-Embroidery-Hand (plain, ribbon, satin, crewel) under 15"
- Youth-Embroidery-Hand (plain, ribbon, satin, crewel) 15" and above
- Youth-Needlepoint under 15"
- Youth-Needlepoint 15" and above
- Youth-Wall Hanging (any size 36"x36" and under)

Photography: (Amateurs Only) Adult & Youth. (Pictures must be 5"x 7" mounted on 8"x10" board or 8"x 12", mounted on 11" x 14" board)

- Adult-Color Photo
- Adult-Black & White Photo
- Adult-Photo Containing People
- Adult-Photo of Animal
- Adult-Photo of Agriculture Down on the Farm
- Youth-Color Photo
- Youth-Black & White Photo
- Youth-Photo Containing People
- Youth-Photo of Animal
- Youth-Photo of Agriculture Down on the Farm

Quilts (Adults Only)

- Bed Quilt-Hand Pieced-Hand Quilted
- Bed Quilt-Hand Pieced-Machine Quilted
- Bed Quilt-Machine Pieced-Hand Quilted
- Bed Quilt-Machine Pieced-Machine Quilted
- Lap Quilt (36"x70")

Sewing

- Youth-Apron
- Youth-Tote Bag
- Youth-Pillow
- Adults-Child's Dress
- Adults-Sewn Garment
- Adults-Household Item
- Adults-Heirloom Style Sewing, any garment

Stained Glass (Adults Only)

- Stained Glass Item, Under 12"
- Stained Glass Item, Adult 12" and above

Woodworking (Adults Only)

- Woodworking-Under 24"
- Woodworking-24" and above
- Furniture

- A representative of the Anderson County fair will notify you if your 1st Place or Best of Show item in the 2026 fair qualifies for entry into the 2027 Tennessee State Fair.
- If you agree to submit qualifying items to the Tennessee State Fair, the Anderson County Fair will transport items to/from the TN State Fairgrounds for the August 2027 competition, if needed.