

OPEN CLASS – GENERAL AND HOME ECONOMICS DIVISIONS

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1. The Department of Agriculture shall use its best efforts to secure sufficient appropriations to fund premiums. In any year for which the General Assembly of the State of Illinois fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such premiums, premium amounts may not be accurately reflected in the premium book.
2. See General Requirements.
3. Entry fee is FREE! Only one entry per class allowed, except in Arts & Crafts and Clothing where two entries are allowed.
4. Entries must be postmarked by July 10, 2016 or dropped off at the Fair Office by July 12, 2016. The Fair Office will be open 10 AM to 5 PM on July 12.
5. Be sure your entry form is complete; no additional entries can be made once your form is received. Superintendents may change the class if an entry is incorrectly entered.
6. Regarding premium placement:
 - If an entry does not meet the requirements of the class, it will not be placed. However it may be displayed at the superintendents' discretion.
 - If there is only one entry in a class and meets all of the judging criteria, it will receive the first premium placing.
7. Junior classes (Department P) are open to anyone who is 18 years old or younger as of 9/1/2015. 4-H members may enter 4-H project items **not** being judged in the 4-H fair.
8. Senior classes are open to anyone 19 years or older as of 9/1/2015.
9. **Entry must be the work of the exhibitor. Previously entered items are not acceptable, with the exception of Photography.**
10. Entries will be accepted between 4 PM and 7 PM. the Wednesday before the fair and must be in place by 7:00 PM. See map for check-in locations. Judging will begin immediately after check-in and, if needed, will continue at 8 AM the next morning.
11. Premium checks will be available after 5 PM on Sunday at the Open Fair Office. Be sure to collect your premiums before you leave the grounds. **We are required to have your signed receipts for all premiums collected. NO CHECKS WILL BE MAILED without the required paperwork completed by exhibitor.**
12. All entries will be released at 5 PM Sunday. All entries should be picked up by 6 PM. After that time, the building will close and entries can be picked up the next day at the fairgrounds. **Be sure to have your claim tickets or project may not be released. Fair Office will be open Monday, August 8, 2016 from 10 AM to 12 NOON for check pick up.**
13. Smith 4-H Hall will be closed to the public at 4 PM Sunday to prepare for check-out.

