



**2019 Youth Fair Poster Contest  
Inspiring PA's Agriculture Story  
CRITERIA**

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will once again conduct a statewide poster contest at the agriculture fairs. Participating fairs will hold their own contest and submit one poster from each age group to the state level for additional judging and cash prizes.

1. Only one poster may be submitted per exhibitor, per age group. There will be three state competitions: ages 8-11, 12-14, and 15-18. Exhibitors must be in one of these age groups as of June 1 of the current fair season to qualify.
2. The poster size must be either 14 x 22 inches or 14 ½ x 22 inches. Other sizes will not be accepted for judging at the state level.
3. This year's theme is **"Inspiring PA's Agriculture Story"**. **Contestants are asked to submit artwork that celebrates the ways in which the commonwealth's diverse agriculture industry has shaped our communities and contributed to Pennsylvania's standing as a worldwide leader in agricultural, food and lumber production.** Exhibitors using other themes will be disqualified at the state level.
4. Only one poster per age group per fair may be forwarded for the state competition. The fair secretary or contest coordinator is responsible for submitting the poster and completing the entry form for each poster with each age group. **The poster and entry form can be given to the Fair Administrator at the PSACF fall zone meetings or mailed to: Fair Administrator, Department of Agriculture, 2301 North Cameron Street, Room 310, Harrisburg, PA 17110. The poster contest entry form can be obtained online on the Department's website.**
5. Posters must be packaged flat. Posters rolled or folded will be ineligible for judging.
6. Posters must be received post marked by November 1, 2019.
7. Posters will be evaluated on use of the theme, visual appearance and creativity in relation to the exhibitor's age.

8. Premium checks for:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	\$100
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	\$75
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$50

These checks will be presented by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to the top three individuals. Winners will be notified in advance and invited to attend an awards presentation. They will also be required to provide their social security numbers for award disbursements.

All posters will become the property of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for possible future promotional activities for the Pennsylvania Farm Show and Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs. Any duplication of posters from previous years will be disqualified. Posters will not be returned via mail. Contestants may arrange to have their entries returned following the PA Farm Show through their individual fairs; however, the posters must be picked up in person at the PSACF Convention or Spring Zone Meetings.



## POSTER CONTEST ENTRY FORM FOR PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW

Inspiring Pennsylvania's Agriculture Story-2019 Youth Poster Contest

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

**PLEASE PRINT IN INK**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

FAIR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR'S TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITORS'S DATE OF BIRTH (REQUIRED) \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
was the winner in our fair's Strength in Our Diversity Poster Contest.

AGE GROUP (circle one)

8-11

12-14

15-18

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Fair Secretary or Contest Coordinator)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibitors must be in one of the proper age groups as of June 1 of the current fair season to qualify. This form must accompany all winning posters and can be forwarded any time after your fair is over, but no later than November 1, 2019 to:**

Tracy Barone, Fair Fund Administrator  
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
2301 North Cameron Street, Room 310  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408  
717-772-3094 or [tbarone@pa.gov](mailto:tbarone@pa.gov)

The winning entries will be displayed during the 2020 Pennsylvania Farm Show. All posters will become the property of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for possible future promotional activities for the Pennsylvania Farm Show and Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs. Posters will not be returned.

**\*\*See criteria for additional information. \*\***