

Essay Competition Handbook



Oregon Essay Competition

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IMPORTANT DATES

ENTRY AND RELEASE SCHEDULE

Online Entry Deadline:

By 10 pm, Wednesday, August 14

Deliver Competitive Entries:

Friday, August 16, Noon to 6 pm

Saturday, August 17, 10 am to 3 pm

Enter through Red Gate on 17th Street and follow signs to Columbia Hall.

Pick up entries:

Tuesday, Sept. 3, Noon to 7 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 10 am to 2 pm

By submitting an entry into the Fair, exhibitors agree to abide by all rules, regulations and entry requirements of the Fair and of the department(s) to which they are submitting entries.

It is important that exhibitors read and be familiar with the General Rules as well as the Department Rules in this Handbook.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

ONLINE ENTRY OPENS JUNE 15, 2019

Read the complete rules, division descriptions, and entry information in the Handbook **BEFORE** going to Online Registration.

Go to <https://oregonstream.fairmanager.com>

1. Click **Register** or **Sign In** (for return visits).
 - Register using your First and Last Name and create a password (write password down).
 - Fill in requested information, including email address. Fill in age only if under 18. Click **Continue**.
 - Select **Department** ex.: Oregon Essay
 - Select a **Division** ex.: The Letter R- Reading Division 640
 - Select a **Class** ex.: Class 6401 Youth
 - Fill in all information for class(es) you are entering, including a brief **Description** if needed.
2. When all your information is complete, click **Add Entry to Cart** and follow instructions to check out. (NOTE: If you think you may want to modify your entries, you may save your current session and check out at a later session. Be sure to **Check Out before the closing date listed for your Department; entries are not submitted to the Fair office until the check-out process is complete.**)
3. Fill in "yes" at the statement to agree to all the terms and conditions of entry as defined in this Handbook.
4. Click **Submit**.
5. Please bring a copy of your detailed online entry receipt **with your entries** when you bring them to the Fair.

Oregon State Fair Creative Living Office

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GENERAL RULES

1. Oregon State Fair (OSF) competitions are open to residents of Oregon only. Entries do not need to be entered or have won at a county fair to be eligible for any competition.
2. All articles must be the handiwork of the exhibitor and not been previously exhibited in a prior year at the Oregon State Fair.
3. Online entries must be submitted by the date indicated within each Department Handbook. Paper applications will not be accepted. Information must be accurate and complete. Walk-in entries may be accepted during intake days on a limited basis.
4. Entries must be delivered and removed only during the scheduled times. Any exception shall be at the discretion of OSF staff.
5. Entries will receive a claim check upon delivery. Exhibitor must present claim check or valid Oregon ID when picking up entries.
6. Some competitions require an entry fee. See specific departments for fee and processing information.
7. OSF staff or a judge may disqualify or transfer any exhibit which is not a true representation of the class in which it is entered or if rules are not followed.
8. Judging is closed to the public unless otherwise noted. Every reasonable effort is made to secure highly qualified judges with expertise in their field.
9. Entries by OSF staff or judges are prohibited in the department in which they are working. They may enter other departments.
10. Ribbons and/or prizes will be awarded as warranted. All judges' results are final. Results cannot be provided over the phone but will be posted online when available. (www.oregonstatefair.org)
11. Protests may be submitted to the Creative Living office accompanied by a deposit of \$25 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Protests must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and submitted within 24 hours of the action.
12. Ribbons and scorecards (as available) are provided with return of entries after Fair. See specific departments for return days.
13. OSF is authorized to use any and all photographs, video and or digital images related to the entry for promotional purposes.
14. Exhibitors shall indemnify OSF from and against all claims for damage to persons or property caused by them or their exhibits.
15. OSF will take reasonable precautions to ensure safety of exhibits while on the fairgrounds, but will not be responsible for loss, damage, theft or injury of any kind to exhibits or exhibitors, unless the loss or damage is due to the negligence of OSF staff and volunteers.
16. Exhibitors found in violation of rules, or to be in practices unethical or adverse to OSF, shall be penalized by forfeiture of awards and/or privileges, and removed from the exhibit.
17. Items not picked up by final return days of each department are forfeited by exhibitor.

The Oregon State Fair reserves the final and absolute right to interpret any and all terms, conditions, rules and regulations contained in any and all parts of Department Handbooks and to settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incidental to the Oregon State Fair. OSF further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by General or Competition Rules, and to withdraw award offerings in all Competitions should any emergency exist and circumstances demand.

COMPETITION RULES

1. No entry fee is required for this competition.
2. Each exhibitor is limited to 2 entries per class.
3. Exhibits must be in a condition suitable for display; typed, single spaced, 12 point font, can be on a presentation board but not necessary. Presentation board must not be larger than 20 inches by 12 inches.
4. Exhibitors must be Oregon residents.
5. Entries may be disqualified by the judges if rules are not followed.
6. Exhibitor's name on the entry must be the person who made the item.
7. Items may not be removed from the Fairgrounds until the scheduled pick-up date(s). Items not picked up by September 7th will become property of the Oregon State Fair.
8. All judges' decisions are final.
9. Submissions must be original, unpublished content.

Oregon Essay Guidelines

Find Your SCIENCE in Oregon

Second annual Oregon Essay Contest for 2019

Call for submissions:

Is there a technology that has changed your life or the life of someone you know? Noise pollution, 3D printed braces for your teeth, apps that help you get and stay organized. Please write about an invention or advancement that has impacted you in some way. It can be as technical as your thoughts on space exploration, 3D printed organs or other body parts, or how robots are changing our world. It can be as easy as electric slime, 21st century pest control, or a sports app that helps you become a better athlete. Winners may be invited to read their essays on our Explore Oregon Showcase.

Give us your ideas! Please tell us, Oregonians – It's up to you to Find Your SCIENCE.

The essay must be in your own words, unpublished and finished within the last year.

In 1000 words or less, tell us about your passion and excitement for the SCIENCE you love; Give us your unique perspective about why your advancement is good for Oregon.

We look forward to *reading* your work!

DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

640 – Find Your Science in Oregon

6401 – Essay aged 12 and under

6402 – Essay aged 13 to 17

6403 – Essay aged 18 to 29

6404 – Essay aged 30 to 49

6405 – Essay aged 50 and older