

2008 - MICHIGAN STATE FAIR GOLD RIBBON PROGRAM

Be it understood that in no way shall the Michigan State Fair & Exposition Center Authority Board of Directors, It's management, officers or agents be held responsible for loss or injury of any character to person or articles while participating in or exhibited at the Fair.

The following rules apply to the Fair Gold Ribbon Program. The ribbon must have been won during the 2007 fair season.

Congratulations Gold Ribbon Winner! You are now entering into competition with other winners from County Fairs throughout the State of Michigan. Regardless of the outcome of the competition, you are already a winner and will always be a winner.

1. BASIC RULES!

- a. Exhibitors must be Michigan residents, with the exception of exhibitors that cross the state line to enter a Michigan Fair.
- b. There is no limit to the number of years that you can win as a Gold Ribbon winner.
- c. Gold Ribbons are presented to a Best of Show **winner** of a Section or Division (NOT just first place or Blue Ribbon winner of a class). Ribbon must be presented **only** to winners of classes that are offered by the Michigan State Fair. The recipient of the Gold Ribbon entitles them to participate in the Gold Ribbon competition at the Michigan State Fair, August 22 through September 1, 2008. **NO ENTRY FEE FOR THIS COMPETITION.**
- d. Exhibitors winning gold Ribbons for the same exhibit at more than one fair may display only one gold Ribbon. No additional ribbons are to be displayed with the exhibit. Attach the Gold Ribbon to your exhibit and be sure that your name and fair are on the back of the Ribbon.

2. DEADLINE DATES:

- a. Gold Ribbons must have been won at their 2007 Fair.
- b. Entry forms must be postmarked no later than August 1, 2008
- c. Entry forms postmarked after August 1, will be charged a **late fee of \$12.00.**
- d. No entry forms accepted after August 8, 2008.
- e. Mailed exhibits must be received by Monday, August 11, Judging begins on Tuesday, August 12. No spectators!

3. ENTRY FORMS:

- a. No entry form will be processed without all required information. Print all information.
- b. Enter all dollar amounts that relate to your entry.
- c. Always make a copy of your entry form for your back-up information.
- d. Send a check or money order for total amount; please **do not send cash.**

4. DELIVERY INFORMATION:

- a. Exhibits may be hand delivered (according to schedule below), or may be mailed pre-paid to the Michigan State Fair. The entry form must be mailed along with any monies owed by the entry deadline (August 1). If you are also mailing in your exhibit, the exhibit should be mailed SEPARATELY along with a **copy of your entry form.**
- b. Each exhibitor's entry must be mailed separately.
- c. Shipping containers must be suitable for returning, as **all efforts will be made to return your exhibit in the same container.**
- d. If you are hand delivering your exhibit but wish to have it returned by UPS, **you must provide a sturdy container** and include the mail back fee with your exhibit. If no container is included, an additional \$5.00 container fee will be charged.
- e. **SHIPPING FEES - PER EXHIBITOR**
If you wish to have your exhibit mailed back, enclose the \$10.00 handling fee, plus amount to cover the cost of shipping. Instead of money covering the shipping cost, you may enclose a pre-paid UPS or USPS mailing label (No stamps please!). [\$10.00 handling fee still applies].

5. PREPARING YOUR EXHIBIT FOR HAND DELIVERY OR SHIPPING:

- a. Submit your winning Gold Ribbon with your exhibit. Please **do not** submit any ribbons other than the Gold Ribbon. Remember to write your name on the back of your ribbon.
- b. Label your exhibits on the back, bottom, or inside with an identifying marking. If there is more than one piece in your exhibit, label each piece (e.g. sets-1 of 2 pc, etc.) and attach together with a pin or string.

6. EXHIBITS SHOULD BE READY FOR DISPLAY:

- a. If a mannequin would enhance the display of your garment, please furnish if possible, otherwise it will be display it to the best of our ability.
- b. Exhibits that need to be assembled for display are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Items that are glued must be glued securely. (Glue has a tendency to separate in air-conditioning.) **If your exhibit is something that will require a larger area than what is designated please make note of it on the entry form giving the dimensions needed for display.**
- c. There is no longer a Hobby class; items won as "Hobbies" should be entered under "Crafts".
- d. **ARTWORK/PHOTOGRAPHY - All pieces must be framed and ready for hanging. DO NOT USE TAPE FOR ATTACHING HANGING DEVICE!!** If you have won a Gold Ribbon for a piece that is normally displayed on an easel, include with your exhibit for display. We do not normally recommend glass, but if your piece is set behind glass we will accept it with the understanding that we (*the Community Arts Department, as an agent for the Michigan State Fair*) are not held responsible for glass breakage. **These same rules also apply to YOUTH classes.**
PHOTOGRAPHY - Photos must be ready for hanging and should be hard framed with wire attached for hanging purpose. (If hard frame is not available, it must be framed with a 4-ply matting). The **recommended** minimum size of a photo is 5"x7" and the maximum size of a hung photo is 24" in either direction. If your winning photo does meet the recommended size make a note on the entry form. If your photo is normally displayed on a table top, furnish the table easel for your display.

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Continued: (5"x7" size may be displayed with table top easel). Must furnish your own.

LITERARY - Presentation is a part of judging. Literary includes poetry (the art of writing stories, poems and thoughts into verse) and prose (ordinary writing as distinguished from poetry).

7. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION!**

- a. Each Gold Ribbon exhibitor will be mailed two (2) free gate passes to the 2008 Michigan State Fair, August 22, through September 1, 2008, once the entry form has been processed.
- b. Each Gold Ribbon winner is invited to attend the County Fair Day Luncheon held on August 28, 2008. The luncheon will be served in the North Food Court at 12:00 noon, between the Joe Dumars (Agricultural Building) and the Coliseum, by invitation only. Upon request on the entry form, each exhibitor will receive two (2) free luncheon tickets. Any additional luncheon tickets At \$10.00 each must be ordered on the entry form. There will be no sale of luncheon tickets at the luncheon. Tickets and passes will be mailed to you with your confirmation of entry. Fair admission is required to attend luncheon (MAFE passes will be accepted at the gate).
- c. Additional questions concerning this program may be directed to the Michigan State Fair, Community Arts and Crafts Department, Alice Diefenthaler or Peter Latouf @ 313.369.8260 or latoufp@michigan.gov.

All Gold Ribbon winners are invited to also enter the State Fair Community Arts & Crafts Open Classes! These classes are open to all residents of the State of Michigan. View the Premium book online at www.michiganstatefair.com (click "Community Arts") beginning mid-April, 2008.

DELIVERY DATE & TIMES!

Entry Forms must be postmarked by August 1, 2008.

All adult and youth Gold Ribbon winners will deliver exhibits to the Community Arts Building on the following days:

Saturday	August 9	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	August 10	12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Monday	August 11	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If mailing in your exhibits, exhibits **Must Be Received** in the Community Arts Office by 4:00 p.m. on August 11. We suggest shipping your exhibit ASAP in case of unforeseen shipping delays!

PICK UP DATE & TIMES:

All Adult and Youth exhibitors will pick up exhibits from the Community Arts Building on the following days:

Monday	Sept. 1	8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Appointment Only - 313.369.8260)
Tuesday	Sept. 2	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Sept. 3	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Exhibitors who have paid the mail-back handling fee and have furnished return postage will have their exhibits mailed back beginning the week of September 8.

