



Travis County Youth Show Floral Contest Description & Rules

All registration must be completed online by your AST/CES leader and postmarked to the Travis County Youth Show office by the date listed in the rule book. **Late registrations WILL NOT be accepted.**

Contest Rules:

1. Only bona fide FFA or 4-H members regularly enrolled and attending public, private or home schools of less than college level in Travis County are eligible to participate in the Travis County Youth Show Floral Design Competition
2. Participants must be between the ages of 14 and 18 years (as of August 31 of the current 4-H year) to be eligible for the senior contest.
3. The contest consists of two hands on floral designs. The Symmetrical Triangle Design component is worth 50% and the Boutonniere component is worth 50%. Judges decisions are final.
4. Travis County Agricultural Science teachers and 4-H club managers will receive an electronic copy of the registration form. It is the individual participant's decision to register for the contest and the registration form must be signed by the respective AST or CEA.
5. The decisions of the judges are final.
6. The fee for the contest is \$25.00 per participant.
7. Each participant will be supplied with the fresh flowers and materials needed for each design, but participants must provide their own tools for the competition.

ADDITIONAL Team Contest Rules:

1. Each team will be given a scenario. Arrangements must be created based on the problem teams are given. Teams will have one hour to complete this task.
2. The fee for the contest is \$40.00 per team. Fee is due at the time the registration.

Day of Contest Instructions:

Find yourself a work station, as the monitor instructs. You should have with you your tools (knife, scissors, wire cutters, etc.). Glue guns and picking machines are not allowed and may not be at your station.

A bundle of flowers is on the table and contains all the fresh materials required of to complete both your designs. You will be instructed as to what flowers are to be used for each design. *Failure to follow the instructions and rules completely will result in your **disqualification** in that portion of the exam.

You will design the following:

Symmetrical Triangle Design:

9 Carnations
1/3 Bunch Statice
Leather Leaf
1 Design Bowl
1/3 Block Foam
Green Anchor Tape

Boutonniere:

1 Rose
1 Leather Leaf
Wire
Corsage Tape

*Use only the above mentioned flowers in each design. You may use all or part of the product provided.
YOU MUST COMPLETE BOTH DESIGNS IN 1 HOUR. DO NOT BEGIN WORK UNTIL THE MONITOR INSTRUCTS YOU TO START.*

If you finish before allotted time has passed, quietly clean your table and pack your belongings. Leave your designs along with your exam grade sheet on your design table. Monitors will move them to the designated area outside the design room.

If you are not finished in 1 hour-STOP work immediately when the monitor announces time is up. You will be graded on the basis of what you have completed.

We ask that you do not talk during the design competition, and keep your eyes on you own work please. If you have a question, signal a monitor and they will come to assist you. RELAX AND GOOD LUCK!!!

TCYS BOUTONNIERE GRADING RUBRIC (99 Points)

	33	30	27	24	22	19	15	11	9	7	5	3	Points
Taping	Tape is pulled tight, smooth and clean. Tape covers all wire including piercing of calyx.				Tape is loose BUT all wire is covered including the piercing of the calyx.				Tape is loose and unraveling AND not <u>all</u> wire is covered.				
Rose	Rose stem is proper size. Rose foliage is presentable. Greenery is in proportion to the rose.				Rose foliage is presentable. Rose stem is either <u>too</u> long or <u>too</u> short OR greenery is <u>not</u> in proportion to the rose.				Rose foliage is not presentable. Rose stem is either <u>too</u> long or <u>too</u> short AND greenery is <u>not</u> in proportion to the rose.				
Wiring	Boutonniere has NO spirals present. Wire is clean. Calyx has been pierced properly.				Boutonniere has NO spirals BUT calyx was not pierced properly OR wire at the end of the stem is sharp and sticking out.				Boutonniere has spirals with ridges AND wire at the end of the stem is sharp and sticking out.				

TCYS SYMMETRICAL TRIANGLE GRADING RUBRIC (100 Points)

	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2	Points
Carnations & Proportion	Carnations placed in proper place with strong insertions and strong symmetry. Proper flower facing.				1 to 3 carnations are not in proper position. Symmetry is lacking or flower facing is not correct.			4 or more carnations are not in proper position. Symmetry is not clear.			
Balance	Good visual and mechanical balance. Container and flowers are in good proportion. Height and width are good. Filler placed with proper facing and evenly distributed.				Visual and mechanical balance is present and lacking. Container and flowers are not in proportion. Filler is placed with proper facing and evenly distributed.			Poor visual and/or mechanical balance. Container and flowers are out of proportion. Height and width are off. Filler is not evenly distributed.			
Focal Point	Definite establishment of focal point. Filler and foliage radiates from and supports focal area. Needs little or no improvement.				Establishment of focal point. Filler and foliage does not support focal area. Needs some improvement.			Lacks clear focal point. Filler and foliage does not support focal area. Needs much improvement.			
Foliage	Foliage inserted well with at least one inch of stem, following the line of the arrangement.				Foliage inserted well with at least one inch of stem, but too heavy, laying down in back, or does not follow the lines of the arrangement.			Stems cut too short, less than one inch, and will not uptake water.			
Mechanics	Mechanics are strong. Stems are sturdy with correct radiation. Oasis is covered. Foam is anchored to bowl.				Mechanics need improvement. Radiation is present, but Oasis not covered. Foam is anchored to bowl.			Mechanics are poor. Stems are loose. Poor radiation. Oasis not covered. Form is NOT anchored to bowl.			