

DIVISION L - CONSUMER & FAMILY SCIENCE

Division Rules & Regulations:

1. Only 4-H Members may exhibit in this division. Exhibitors may only enter 1 exhibit per class.

Pre-entry is required. **YOU MUST USE THE INTERNET ENTRY SYSTEMS FOUND AT www.marylandstatefair.com** Internet entries are due July 15th. Exhibitors without internet access should contact their County Extension Educator for assistance. All release forms are to be completed online through the entry system at time of registration.

2. Exhibitors and exhibits must comply with the "General State Fair Rules & Regulations", "General 4-H and FFA Rules & Regulations", these "Division Rules & Regulations" and the applicable "Section Rules & Regulations".
3. All exhibits must be clean and free of labels and tags, unless otherwise specified in the section rules or class description.
4. **Judging:** All exhibits will be judged on their own merit and receive a rating of Excellent, Very Good or Good. The Judges will then, at their own discretion, give placings up to 10th Place in each class. Unless otherwise noted in section, exhibits will be judged in one of the 4-H Age Divisions: Junior (ages 8-10 as of 1/1/26); Intermediate (ages 11-13 as of 1/1/26); Senior (ages 14-18 as of 1/1/26). Entries not conforming to class description and/or division/section rules & regulations will be disqualified.
5. **Awards:** Ribbons will be awarded to the 1st – 10th Place exhibits in each class. Premiums: 1st (\$7), 2nd–10th (\$5). Rosettes will be awarded to the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Champions and Reserve in each section, if there are sufficient entries as determined by the Superintendent.
6. Entries for this division will be received Tuesday, August 25th from 2pm to 8pm in the 4-H/FFA Home Arts Building and released on Monday, September 14th from 9am to 7pm. An early-bird release period will be made available on Sunday, September 13th from 8pm to 10pm AFTER the building is closed to the public.

SECTION 1 - CHILD CARE

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Section Rules & Regulations:

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Child Development project for the current year. All entries must be the work of the Exhibitor and completed between September 2025 and August 2026. Note: "original design" means not from a kit.
2. Judging Criteria: safety; age appropriateness; educational value.
3. **All entries (with the exception of first aid kits) MUST include a 3"x5" index card with the age of the child that the item is intended for AND the educational value of the item. Entries without this card will be considered incomplete.**

CLASSES

Junior	Inter.	Senior	Class Description
L1001	L2001	L3001	Toy - original design
L1002	L2002	L3002	Toy - made from a kit
L1003	L2003	L3003	Game - must fit on 12" deep shelf , include instructions for playing game
L1004	L2004	L3004	Visual aid - create an item (book, puppet, etc.) to use when telling a child a story, include a summary on how it will be used.
L1005	L2005	L3005	Storybook- original design, must tell a story
L1006	L2006	L3006	Original Educational book or skit, not a story
L1007	L2007	L3007	Stuffed animal or doll - original design
L1008	L2008	L3008	Childcare Kit - a bag of books, toys, etc. for a Babysitting job (min. 10 items). Identify item with age level & how it would be used. Lists are NOT acceptable; each item must be separately identified.
L1009	L2009	L3009	Basic First aid kit - include a list of the contents.
L1010	L2010	L3010	Babysitter's Scrapbook - with pictures for a specific age group
L1011	L2011	L3011	Babysitting Display - refer to listing in project book for suggested topics, display must be sturdy enough to stand alone and cannot exceed 32" wide x 17" deep x 42" high
L1012	L2012	L3012	Childcare/Babysitting Reference Book - a notebook that includes general and specific information on childcare and babysitting; may include short articles, activities you conducted as part of project work or fact sheets.
		L3013	Infant layette (Seniors only) – at least five hand-made (crochet/knit/sewn) articles of clothing and/or accessories for an infant

SECTION 2 - CLOTHING

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Section Rules & Regulations:

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in a 4-H Clothing Project for the current year. Exhibitors may only exhibit in a class designated for their age division. Classes with age restrictions have the age restriction listed in parentheses.
2. All entries must be the work of the Exhibitor and completed between September 2025 and August 2026. **All entries must be sewn.**
3. **All garments must be entered on wire hangers or plastic hangers with rotating hooks; plastic tube hangers are not allowed.** Exhibitors must provide their own hangers. Remove any protective covering/ plastic before entering garment; entries will be covered with plastic following judging.
4. Judging criteria: quality of workmanship; coordination of fabric, pattern, notions, intended use; cleanliness; personal creativity
5. Group Entries must be entered under the name of only one of the group members.
6. Please do not include patterns, plastic, or ribbons from other fairs. They will not be returned.
7. Suggestions for new classes are welcomed. Please provide during entry check-in or pick-up during the State Fair.

CLASSES

Junior	Inter.	Senior	Class Description
L1021	L2021		Sewing kit- include at least 12 different notions a sewer needs in a "sewing basket" you have decorated (Juniors & Intermediates only)
L1022	L2022	L3022	Tote bag, purse, etc.
L1023	L2023	L3023	Belt, scarf, necktie, hat, etc.
L1024			Blouse or shirt - any style (Juniors only)
	L2025	L3025	Simple blouse or shirt - without a collar or set-in sleeves (Intermediates & Seniors only) – NO KNITS
	L2026	L3026	Blouse or shirt - with a collar and/or set-in sleeves (Intermediates & Seniors only)
	L2027	L3027	Blouse or shirt - knit fabric; any style (Intermediates & Seniors only)
L1028	L2028	L3028	Vest
L1029			Skirt - any style (Juniors only)
	L2030	L3030	Skirt - elastic waist (Intermediates & Seniors only)
	L2031	L3031	Skirt - waistband, waist facing, waistband and elastic combination (Intermediates & Seniors only)
L1032			Shorts, pants or skort - any style (Juniors only)
	L2033	L3033	Shorts, pants or skort – elastic waist (Intermediates & Seniors only)
	L2034	L3034	Shorts, pants or skort - waistband, waist facing, waistband and elastic combination (Intermediates & Seniors only)
L1035	L2035	L3035	Outfit – 3 pieces
L1036	L2036	L3036	Pajamas, nightgown, or other sleepwear
L1037	L2037	L3037	Sportswear – sweat/jogging or beach cover up/bathing suit
L1038	L2038	L3038	Sundress or other simple dress (without a collar or sleeves)
L1039	L2039	L3039	Dress – with details and/or trim - unlined
L1040	L2040	L3040	Dress - with details and/or trim – (collar, sleeves, or trim) – lined
L1041	L2041	L3041	Two-piece outfit - skirt, shorts, pants, or dress with vest
L1042	L2042	L3042	Two-piece outfit - skirt, shorts, or pants with blouse
L1043	L2043	L3043	Two-piece outfit - skirt, shorts, pants, or dress with jacket
L1044	L2044	L3044	Outerwear – simple jacket, poncho, sweatshirt, etc.
L1045	L2045	L3045	Tailored jacket or coat – lined
L1046	L2046	L3046	Tailored jacket or coat - with skirt or pants – lined
	L2047	L3047	Evening wear – short (Intermediates & Seniors only)
	L2048	L3048	Evening wear – long (Intermediates & Seniors only)
	L2049	L3049	Cocktail Wear (Intermediate & Seniors only)
L1050	L2050	L3050	Costume - identify activity for which garment was created and worn; attach photo showing costume being worn
L1051	L2051	L3051	Purchased garment decorated by exhibitor with sewn design - appliqué, ribbon, needlework or other fabric trim
	L2053	L3053	Outfit for Child aged 4 and under
		L3055	Outfit - original design – attach brief description of how designed (Seniors only)
L1056	L2056	L3056	Redesign – purchased garment, redesigned
L1057	L2057	L3057	Romper – Long or Short
L1058	L2058	L3058	First Year Sewing Item – Any item
L1059	L2059	L3059	Special Class: Decorated Apron – Creative and themed, judged on creativity and construction (changes year to year)

SECTION 3 – HOME ENVIRONMENT

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Section Rules & Regulations:

1. An Exhibitor may exhibit in a class above their age level, but not below.
2. All entries must be the work of the Exhibitor and completed between September 2025 and August 2026, except for Bedspread, Quilt or Comforter class.
3. At the discretion of the judges, entries will be disqualified if they are not considered functional items used in a home environment. Craft/wooden items are not allowed in this section.
4. Judging criteria: quality of workmanship; usefulness/functional home use items; color and design application; personal creativity; cleanliness.
5. Framed pictures must be ready to hang on the wall or stand independently on a solid surface. Taped hangers are not acceptable.
6. A wall hanging is a free flowing, flat fabric based on original or pattern creation. It is intended to be suspended by a rod or dowel. Usually layers of fabric are applied to develop the design. A wall hanging is meant to be seen from a distance either inside or outside and to serve as an accessory to the home or room. Embellishments include beads, feathers, and other items that serve to enhance the overall fabric design. All wall hangings should have a rod pocket, extender tabs or rings for hanging.
7. Group Entries must be entered under the name of only one of the group members.
8. Store-bought pillows will not be accepted. **ALL PILLOWS MUST BE HANDMADE.**

CLASSES

Junior	Inter.	Senior	Class Description
L1070	L2070	L3070	Decorative Bulletin Board - may have wooden frame
L1071	L2071	L3071	Decorative Trash Can
L1072	L2072	L3072	Storage Item - fabric only , storage accessories (locker caddy, laundry bag, covered hanger, etc.) please attach a note card explaining the use
L1073	L2073	L3073	Table coverings - 1 tablecloth, 4 placemats, 4 napkins or 1 table runner
L1074	L2074	L3074	Desk accessories – Minimum of 2 different items (blotter, pencil holder, etc.)
L1075	L2075	L3075	Kitchen Accessory - fabric only (toaster cover, potholder, etc.)
L1076	L2076	L3076	Decorative Hand or Guest Towels - 2, needlework, appliqué or other fabric trimmed – no bath towels
L1077	L2077	L3077	Decorative Pillowcase
L1078	L2078	L3078	Framed Needlework Picture - counted cross stitch - stitching portion 5" x 7" or smaller
L1079	L2079	L3079	Framed Needlework Picture - counted cross stitch - stitching portion larger than 5" x 7"
L1080	L2080	L3080	Framed Needlework Picture - candle wicking
L1081	L2081	L3081	Framed Needlework Picture - other type of needlework
L1082	L2082	L3082	Framed Needlework Picture - holiday design, any size
L1083	L2083	L3083	Needlework Plastic Canvas - flat-stitching portion 5" x 7" or smaller
L1084	L2084	L3084	Needlework Plastic Canvas - flat-stitching portion larger than 5" x 7"
L1085	L2085	L3085	Needlework Plastic Canvas - 3-D - novelty (not a storage item)
L1086	L2086	L3086	Needlework Plastic Canvas - storage item
L1087	L2087	L3087	Framed Fabric Picture - needlework used in design
L1088	L2088	L3088	Framed Fabric Picture – may use paints, sequins, fabric trims (not needlework)
L1089	L2089	L3089	Wall Hanging - latch hook - no frame or hoop
L1090	L2090	L3090	Wall Hanging – fabric-not needlework or latch hook, not frame or hoop - see definition in section rules.
L1091	L2091	L3091	Wall Hanging - pieced or appliquéd and quilted, no frame
L1092	L2092	L3092	Window Treatment - balloon shade, valance, curtain, drapery, etc.
L1093	L2093	L3093	Decorative Pillow - patchwork design, machine-pieced or hand-pieced, quilted
L1094	L2094	L3094	Decorative Pillow - patchwork design, machine-pieced or hand-pieced, not quilted
L1095	L2095	L3095	Decorative Pillow - pre-printed fabric design, MUST BE machine or hand quilted
L1096	L2096	L3096	Decorative Pillow - fabric painted
L1097	L2097	L3097	Decorative Pillow - counted cross stitch
L1098	L2098	L3098	Decorative Pillow - other types of needlework
L1099	L2099	L3099	Decorative Pillow - needlework, holiday design
L1100	L2100	L3100	Decorative Pillow - latch hook
L1101	L2101	L3101	Decorative Pillow – plain
L1102	L2102	L3102	Decorative Pillow - novelty shapes, usually from kit or pattern, not latch hook
L1104	L2104	L3104	Fleece Blanket
L1107	L2107	L3107	Dust Ruffle or Pillow Sham
L1108	L2108	L3108	Bedspread, Quilt or Comforter
L1109	L2109	L3109	Quilt Top only - pieced or appliquéd, 45" x 56" for Junior & Intermediates - 45" x 56" or larger for Seniors
L1110	L2110	L3110	Miniature Quilt - pieced or quilted/quilted, less than 20" x 24"
L1111	L2111	L3111	Club/Small Group Project -items in this class may be worked on by 1 or more 4-H Members of same club. Use only 1 entry form with 1 name. Attach card with the number working on project and names, intended use - children's hospital, raffle, etc.
L1112	L2112	L3112	Student Gift Basket/Box - a collection of 5 home environment items for a student arranged in a decorated box or basket like a gift. Indicate recipient's grade level. A max. of 3 purchased non-perishable items may be included (pencils, silk flowers, etc.)
L1113	L2113	L3113	Wreaths – Holiday (Non-Christmas)
L1114	L2114	L3114	Wreaths – Christmas
L1115	L2115	L3115	Wreaths – Any Other Themed

SECTION 4 – Knitting & Crocheting

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Section Rules & Regulations:

1. An Exhibitor may exhibit in a class above their age level, but not below.
2. All entries must be the work of the Exhibitor and completed between September 2025 and August 2026.
3. **All garments must be entered on wire hangers or plastic hangers with rotating hooks; plastic tube hangers are not allowed.** Exhibitors must provide their own hangers. Remove any protective covering/ plastic before entering garment; entries will be covered with plastic following judging.
4. Judging criteria: quality of workmanship; pattern, notions, intended use; cleanliness; personal creativity; color and design application
5. Suggestions for new classes are welcomed. Please provide during check-in or pick up during the State Fair.

CLASSES

Junior	Inter.	Senior	Class Description
L1140	L2140	L3140	Crocheting (1 st year item)
L1141	L2141	L3141	Crocheted Clothing Accessory (not item for the home)
L1142	L2142	L3142	Crocheted Clothing Article (not item for the home)
L1143	L2143	L3143	Crocheted item – accessory for the home (placemats, hot pads, potholders, decorative item, etc.)
L1144	L2144	L3144	Crochet item – afghan
L1145	L2145	L3145	Crochet item – other non-clothing item
L1146	L2146	L3146	Knitting (1 st year item)
L1147	L2147	L3147	Knitted Clothing Accessory (not item for the home)
L1148	L2148	L3148	Knitted Clothing Article (not item for the home)
L1149	L2149	L3149	Knitted item – accessory for the home (placemats, hot pads, potholders, decorative item, etc.)
L1150	L2150	L3150	Knitted item – afghan
L1151	L2151	L3151	Knitted item – other non-clothing item
L1152	L2152	L3152	Knitting – Loop yarn – any project
L1153	L2153	L3153	Knitting – arm knitting any item

SECTION 5 – Entrepreneurship

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Section Rules & Regulations:

1. The Exhibitor must be enrolled in the 4-H Entrepreneurship Project for the current year. Each entry must be the work of the 4-H member's Entrepreneurship Project. The Entrepreneurship Project Record must accompany each entry.
2. All entries must be the work of the Exhibitor and completed between September 2025 and August 2026.
3. Individual entries will be judged at the appropriate Exhibitor 4-H Age Division.
4. Group entries are made by a team with a maximum of 5 members. Juniors may serve on an Intermediate or Senior Team; Intermediates may serve on a Senior Team. The age of the oldest team member will determine the age division of the team.
5. Judging Criteria (**Please Include**): Business Plan and Records; Financial Records; Target Markets; Management; Quality of product/service.
6. The display may range in size from 28" W x 14" D x 22" H to 36" W x 17" D x 42" H. The display must be sturdy enough to stand alone. Graphs, charts, information table, photographs, drawings, etc. may be used in the display.
7. Group entries must be entered under the name of only one of the group members.

CLASSES

L1120	Individual Product - Junior	L2120	Individual Product – Int.	L3120	Individual Product - Senior	L4122	Group Product
L1121	Individual Service - Junior	L2121	Individual Service – Int.	L3121	Individual Service - Senior	L4123	Group Service

SECTION 6 – 4-H SERVICE LEARNING

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Section Rules & Regulations:

1. Individual exhibitors must be Intermediates or Seniors working with an adult coach. Mixed Groups are 2 or more people (ages 8-18 as of 1/1/26) working with an adult coach.
2. All entries must be the work of the Exhibitor and completed between September 2025 and August 2026.
3. Only one entry may be made by an individual or mixed group. Individual exhibitors may also participate as a member of a group.
4. Exhibitors must use a standard display board approximately (32" W x 17" D x 42" H) and creatively address the criterion. Pictures may be included.
5. Exhibit Criterion (**Please Include**): Community needs addressed; Collaborative efforts/partners; Structured reflection time; Application of skills and knowledge; Term or length of the project; Leadership and team efforts; Life skills developed; Accomplishments (include a one-page summary).
6. Group entries must be entered under the name of only one of the group members.

CLASSES

L2128	Individual – Intermediate
L3128	Individual – Senior
L4130	Mixed Group