2026 Florida State Fair Creative Living Competitions

LEGO/Brick Competition Handbook

YOUTH



IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Deadline: Friday, December 5, 2025

Late Entry Deadline: Friday, December 12, 2025

Item Delivery: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 - 11:00am-3:00pm

Thursday, January 8, 2026 - 11:00am-3:00pm Friday, January 9, 2026 - 11:00am-6:00pm Saturday, January 10, 2026 - 10:00am-4:00pm

Item Pickup: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 - 11:00am-3:00pm

Thursday, February 19, 2026 - 11:00am-3:00pm Friday, February 20, 2026 - 11:00am-3:00pm Saturday, February 21, 2026 - 10:00am-2:00pm

ENTRY DELIVERY & PICK-UP

Enter off of Orient Road through the Service Entrance on the west side of the fairgrounds.

A map with directions to the Florida Center Is available on the Creative Living Website



ENTRY FEES

Youth Divisions (Ages 6-18): \$2 Per Entry

Late Entry: \$4 Per Entry

ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

GUIDELINES

- Only two (2) entries per exhibitor.
- · Entries can be kits, but we encourage Youth to create original designs.
- Items cannot exceed 24" in any direction, and must weigh less than 20 lbs.
- All Lego Entries must be received installation ready.
- · Any pieces on your entry that can fall off easily, should be glued. School glue works fine.
- No loose pieces. NOT NECESSARY TO GLUE ALL PIECES. All pieces must be presented on a display base and must be strong enough to provide structural support for the entire piece. (Foam core or lightweight Masonite is suitable)
- · Each youth exhibitor will receive two (2) admission ticket(s) to the Fair.
- · Entries previously exhibited in the Florida State Fair may not be submitted for competition.
- Exhibited work must be completed within the last two (2) years.
- Entries must have been made by the exhibitor in whose name they are entered.
- Entries completed by two or more individuals are permitted but will be counted as one exhibitor.
- All entries will be displayed at the Fair whether they receive an award or not. In keeping with the
 Florida State Fair's family orientation, items of an offensive, controversial, or objectionable nature or
 subject matter will not be accepted.

JUDGING & AWARDS

- The Fair selects judges who are experienced and knowledgeable in the categories they are assigned. Judges are expected to be fair and unbiased. They may reassign an entry to a different division or class if they feel it's a better fit.
- All entries will be judged using a scorecard to help ensure fairness and consistency. Judges' decisions are final.
- If the judge feels that an entry does not meet the standards for an award, no ribbon or prize will be given, even if it is the only entry in the class.
- Winners and final displays will be announced during the Fair.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Execution (40%) Originality (40%)

General Appearance (10%) Degree of Difficulty (10%)

DIVISIONS & CLASSES

LEGO/Bricks - Youth (Age 6-10) Division 70.301 LEGO/Bricks - Youth (Age 11-13) Division 70.401 LEGO/Bricks - Youth (Age 14-18) Division 70.501

1 Toys (kits)

2 Toys (original design)

3 Animals (kits)

4 Animals (original design)

5 Figures, including Robots (kits)

6 Figures, including Robots (original design)

7 Architectural Structures (kits)

8 Architectural Structures (original design)

9 Transportation (kits)

10 Transportation (original design)

11 Lego Mosaics (kits)

12 Lego Mosaics (original design)

13 Scenes or Scapes (kits)

14 Scenes or Scapes (original design)

15 Other Not Listed



GENERAL RULES

DISCLAIMER

All entries are submitted at the exhibitor's own risk. The Florida State Fair is not responsible for any loss, damage, or theft of exhibits even if caused by staff, volunteers, contractors, or visitors. If you want insurance for your entry, you must arrange it through your personal insurance provider before the Fair. Reasonable care will be taken to protect exhibits. No unauthorized people are allowed in the building after closing hours.

DIVISION OR CLASS CANCELLATION

The Florida State Fair may cancel any division or class if there are not enough entries to ensure fair competition. Any affected entries will be returned.

ENTRY ERRORS

Exhibitors are responsible for making sure their entries are correct. This includes online forms and summary sheets. The Fair is not responsible for correcting mistakes, and no awards will be given for entries disqualified due to exhibitor error. If an award is later found to be ineligible, it will be withheld or recovered. You may appeal a disqualification in writing within 90 days of being notified. Include your name, address, full entry details, and your reason for requesting a review.

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PREMIUM PAYMENTS

Prizes will be awarded based on the Judging Criteria Record Sheets. **Prize checks are void 6 months** after the date on the check. No replacement checks will be issued after that, so please cash them promptly.

SUBSTITUTIONS

If needed, substitutions must be made within the same department as the original entry. They must be completed by the last day of the entry delivery period. You may not transfer your entry to another person.

PREVIOUSLY ENTERED ITEMS

Entries that have been shown at past Florida State Fairs are not allowed, except for entries in Horticulture and Aquarium Beautiful.

VERIFICATION OF ENTRY

To confirm that your mailed entry form and fees were received, include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your submission. Online entries will receive a confirmation code after submitting.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXHIBITS

The Fair is not responsible for exhibits left behind after the scheduled pick-up time. **Anything left after** that time will be treated as abandoned and discarded by April 1st of the same year.

ENTRY REMOVAL

Once accepted, entries cannot be removed until the official release date listed in the Competition Handbook. Early removal is only allowed in cases like serious illness, emergencies, or at the Fair's discretion.

RETURNED OR BOUNCED CHECKS

A \$25 fee applies to any returned checks. This must be paid with cash, a certified check, or a money order.

MAILING PAPER ENTRY FORMS

Entry Forms must be postmarked by Friday, December 5, 2025. Failure to complete any portion of the entry form may result in disqualification. <u>Late entries must be postmarked before December 12, 2025</u>. If you're submitting a late entry form, you must include the extra \$5 per entry fee. <u>Make checks payable</u> to: Florida State Fair Authority

Mail Entry Form to:

Creative Living Competitions – Youth LEGO Florida State Fair P.O. Box 11766 Tampa, FL 33680

SHIPPING ENTRIES

Shipped entries must arrive no later than January 6, 2026. Packages MUST include Shipping form and prepaid shipping label. Entries will be shipped back to the exhibitors after the fair in the same container. Return shipping costs are the responsibility of the entrant.

Ship Entry Form to:

Florida State Fair Authority Creative Living Competitions - Youth LEGO 4800 US HWY 301 North Tampa, FL 33680

RETRIEVING ENTRIES

All entries not claimed by April 1st of the same year will be recycled, disposed or donated through our program department. Entries not picked up on designated dates can be arranged for a special pick-up appointment by emailing CreativeLiving@floridastatefair.com.

EXHIBIT DESIGN & SET UP

The Florida State Fair controls how exhibits are displayed. If your entry is meant to be hung but isn't ready to hang, the Fair will display it as they see fit. No changes can be made once items are on display. Exhibitors cannot handle their entries after drop-off. Fair staff will handle final placement and assembly, using any instructions you provide. If your item needs assembly or disassembly, include clear instructions and diagrams. The Fair may use pins or other tools to secure your exhibit for display. Online entries will receive a confirmation code after submitting.

AWARD PREMIUMS

First Place - State Fair Ribbon \$12
Second Place - State Fair Ribbon \$7
Third Place - State Fair Ribbon \$4

Best of Show - State Fair Ribbon **\$15** Best of Show Award will be chosen from the first place winners in each class.

Director's Choice Award - State Fair Ribbon **\$35 Honorable Mention Ribbons** may be awarded at the discretion of the judge(s).

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Legos Competition Entry Form

Entry Forms must be postmarked by Friday, December 5, 2025.

Late Entry Period: December 6-12, 2025 (Additional Entry Fees) Failure to complete any portion of entry form may result in disqualification.

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