



## Theme: Growing A Nation

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will once again conduct a statewide poster contest at the agricultural fairs. Participating fairs will hold their own contest and submit one poster from each age group to the state level for additional judging and cash prizes. **Entries must be received by or postmarked on November 1, 2026.**

1. Only one poster may be submitted per exhibitor, per age group. There will be three state competitions: ages 8-11, 12-14, and 15-18. Exhibitors must be in one of these age groups as of June 1 of the current fair season to qualify.
2. The poster size must be either 14 x 22 inches or 14 ½ x 22 inches. Other sizes will not be accepted for judging at the state level.

This year's theme is "Growing a Nation" Contestants will be asked to **submit artwork that depicts the important role Pennsylvania agriculture played in providing innovative processes and solutions that helped to grow our nation.** Exhibitors using other themes will be disqualified at the state level.

3. **The fair secretary or contest coordinator is responsible for submitting the poster and completing the entry form for each poster with each age group to the Fair Office.** Please be sure to provide all the information requested on the entry form; incomplete forms will be returned. **The poster and entry form can be given to the Fair Administrator at the PSACF fall zone meetings or mailed to the Fair Fund Office:**

**Tracy Barone, Fair Fund Administrator  
PA Department of Agriculture  
2301 North Cameron Street, Room 310  
Harrisburg, PA 17110**

**The poster contest entry form can be obtained online on the Department's website.**

4. Posters must be packaged flat. Posters rolled or folded will be ineligible for judging. **Please, do not** mail the posters to the PA Farm Show Complex.
5. Posters must be received by, or post marked on **November 1, 2026**.
6. Posters will be evaluated on use of the theme, visual appearance and creativity in relation to the exhibitor's age.
7. Premium checks for:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	\$100
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	\$75
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$50

These checks will be presented by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to the top three individuals. Winners will be notified in advance and invited to attend an awards presentation. ***Participants are required to provide their social security numbers for award disbursements from the PA Department of Agriculture.***

All posters will become the property of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for possible future promotional activities for the Pennsylvania Farm Show and Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs. Any duplication of posters from previous years will be disqualified. Posters will not be returned via mail. Contestants may arrange to have their entries returned following the PA Farm Show through their individual fairs; however, the posters must be picked up in person at the PSACF Convention or Spring Zone Meetings.



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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**Due November 1st!**

**POSTER CONTEST ENTRY FORM FOR PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW**

**Growing a Nation - Fair Season Youth Poster Contest**

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

**PLEASE PRINT IN INK**



DATE \_\_\_\_\_

FAIR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR'S TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITORS'S DATE OF BIRTH (REQUIRED) \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_

was the winner in our fair's "Connecting Our Communities" Poster Contest.

AGE GROUP (circle one)

8-11

12-14

15-18

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Fair Secretary or Fair Contest Coordinator)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibitors must be in one of the proper age groups as of June 1 of the current fair season to qualify. This form must accompany all winning posters. Please be sure to provide all the information requested (above). Fairs must submit their winning entries directly to the PA Department of Agriculture.** Entries can be forwarded any time after your fair is over, but must be postmarked by or received no later than **November 1, 2026** to:

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
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The winning entries will be displayed during the **2027 Pennsylvania Farm Show**. All posters will become the property of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for possible future promotional activities for the Pennsylvania Farm Show and Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs. Posters will not be returned.

**\*\*See criteria for additional information. \*\***