

2026 Florida State Fair Creative Living Competitions

# Porcelain Painting Competition Handbook ADULT

**QUESTIONS?  
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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Entry Deadline:** Friday, December 5, 2025

**Late Entry Deadline:** Friday, December 12, 2025

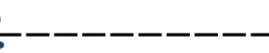
**Item Delivery:** Wednesday, January 7, 2026 - 11:00am-3:00pm  
Thursday, January 8, 2026 - 11:00am-3:00pm  
Friday, January 9, 2026 - 11:00am-6:00pm  
Saturday, January 10, 2026 - 10:00am-4:00pm

**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

**Adult Divisions (Ages 18+): \$5 Per Entry**

ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

**Late Entry: \$10 Per Entry**

## GUIDELINES

- **Only two (2) entries per Class may be entered by any one individual.**
- Work must be of the artist exhibiting, no teacher assisted work.
- No decals permitted.
- Only porcelain-painted pieces are allowed to compete.
- During the entry period, the assigned receivers will verify correctness of classification and adherence to rules. They will reclassify and/or disqualify fairly and to the best of their ability.
- Each adult exhibitor will receive one (1) daily admission ticket 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 prepared/made/ processed by the exhibitor in whose name they are entered.
- 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

Originality (10%)

Design (15%)

Color Control (15%)

Brush Control (25%)

Overall Neatness (20%)

Appropriate Finish (15%)

## DIVISIONS & CLASSES

### Porcelain Painting - Adult Division 35.101

- Class 1 Naturalistic
- Class 2 Pen Work
- Class 3 Bisque
- Class 4 Enamel and Raised Paste
- Class 5 Tea Sets
- Class 6 Portrait
- Class 7 Animals
- Class 8 Birds (aviary)
- Class 9 Jewelry
- Class 10 Landscapes, etc.
- Class 11 Miniatures
- Class 12 Luster Paint
- Class 13 Christmas, Holiday & Seasonal
- Class 14 Specialty Technique
- Class 15 Novice-Less than 2 years' experience (any kind)
- Class 16 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.

### 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. Late entries must be postmarked before December 12, 2025. If you're submitting a late entry form, you must include the extra \$5 per entry fee. **Make checks payable to: Florida State Fair Authority**

### **Mail Entry Form to:**

Creative Living Competitions – Porcelain Painting  
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:**

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Creative Living Competitions - Porcelain Painting  
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](mailto: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**

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**First Place** - State Fair Ribbon **\$40**

**Second Place** - State Fair Ribbon **\$30**

**Third Place** - State Fair Ribbon **\$20**

**Best of Show** - State Fair Ribbon **\$60** 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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# Porcelain Painting Competition Entry Form

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Exhibitor #	_____
Late Entry	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Total Fee	_____
Paid	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> MO <input type="checkbox"/> Check
Check No.	_____

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

**Late Entry Period: December 6-12, 2025 (Double Entry Fees)**

*Failure to complete any portion of the entry form may result in disqualification.*

**Please print legibly**

Exhibitors Name (First, Last)			
Mailing Address			County
City	State	Zip Code	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if you are a new exhibitor
Phone (      )		Email	

**Entry Fee: Adult Division \$5 per entry | Late entry \$10 per entry**

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**Late Entry**

YES  NO

#	DIVISION #	CLASS #	Entered Item Description	FEE
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
<b>Total Amount Due</b>				<b>\$</b>

*I hereby certify that I have read the Florida State Fair General Rules for the Competitive Exhibits Program and the above item(s) is/are entered for exhibition strictly in accordance with these rules, by which I agree to be governed. I also agree that the Florida State Fair may use my name, likeness, or photograph (including, but not limited to photographs of my entry), in any manner relating to my participation in the Competitive Exhibits Program, free of charge and without further notice or consultation.*

*I understand that the 2026 Creative Living Competitions & Exhibits are held in conjunction with the 2026 Florida State Fair and agree that the Florida State Fair is not liable or responsible for any delay, change of dates or cancellation of the 2026 Florida State Fair due the following unforeseeable circumstances: (a) acts of God; (b) flood, fire, earthquake; or (c) other potential disaster(s) or catastrophe(s), such as epidemics, pandemics, or explosion.*

Signature of exhibitor

Date

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