

CULTURAL ARTS RULES & GUIDELINES



All Categories

1. Any active North Carolina ECA member is eligible to enter an article in any or all the categories of the contest; however, only one item per person may be entered in any one category. The item must have been made by an individual member and completed since the last county Cultural Arts Contest.
2. An item may be entered only one (1) time in the Cultural Arts Contest.
3. Describe in writing the process or steps used in creating/making this item.
4. Each item entered must be accompanied by a signed copy of the NCECA Cultural Arts Contest Release Form, which is filled out, enclosed in an unsealed envelope showing only the Category # on the outside of the envelope, with a description attached to the article. The exhibitor's name will not be visible prior to judging. (It will be on the release form.) If the name appears on the entered item, it should be covered with tape so that it is not visible to the judges.
5. Articles entered must be packaged securely for handling while traveling. No crated items will be allowed. Packaging must be labeled with the person's name, county, district, and category.
6. The NCECA will not be responsible for lost or damaged articles.

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Creative Writing – General Instructions

1. **Only original work and unpublished writers are eligible.**
2. Entry must be **typed, not handwritten**, using 8 ½ x 11-inch paper.
3. Entry must be double-spaced with one-inch margins on each submitted page.
4. Each page must be numbered with the title included on each page, with no identifiable markings (such as name, address, phone number, or pictures) on pages or folder.
5. Send a copy of your entry in a plain manila folder.
6. Place the completed Cultural Arts Release Form (including title and number of pages) in an unsealed envelope and include with the copy of your entry in a large envelope.
7. **Entry MUST be in the hands of the contest coordinator on the level of competition (county/district/state) THREE (3) weeks prior to the contest.** Check NCECA Yearbook for the address of the District or State coordinator.
8. Entry will be judged on:
 - Creativity**
 - Appearance**
 - Spelling and Punctuation**
 - Following the above guidelines.**
9. A critique of your work will NOT be available.