

## DEPARTMENT I-12 – GENERAL & LEARNING STATION

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Entries must be completed online at [www.carrollcountyfair.com](http://www.carrollcountyfair.com). Entry fees need to be paid by credit card only. No late entries will be accepted.

**Due to proposed Maryland budgetary constraints that are beyond the control of the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair Board, Inc., the Board reserves the right to withhold a portion of premium monies, up to and including all of an exhibitors earned premium payment, for the 2025 4-H/FFA Fair.**

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS –**

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the project area in which they are entering an exhibit.
2. Exhibitors must have completed all the work on the exhibit since August 1, 2024.
3. A collection exhibit is defined as an exhibit of three or more items. A poster is defined as a sturdy piece of construction paper or card stock material that is larger than 8"x14", a piece of tag board is an appropriate example. A display is defined as a tri-fold cardboard poster which can stand on its own.
4. If the hobby collection is being entered for the second year, a picture of the previous year's exhibit must be included. This picture will be used to judge exhibit and project growth. If a picture is unavailable, in the case of a collection such as baseball cards, exhibitor must clearly mark previous year's entries
5. All exhibits should be no larger than 24" x 18" x 36".
6. Any item that is made from a kit must have the instructions/directions attached before it can be judged.
7. All exhibit displays should have a sturdy backing – example: paneling/ cardboard rather than tagboard.
8. All posters should be no larger than 22" x 36". A hanging device must be attached such as a metal clothes hanger.
9. All posters should be legible from a distance of five (5) feet.
10. Exhibits belonging in the Home Environment, Art, Crafts, Clothing, Wood working, Small Pets or Rocketry departments will not be eligible for entry in the General Department classes. The superintendent reserves the right not to accept projects that meet the requirements of other departments of the Fair.
11. ONLY ONE ENTRY PER PERSON PER CLASS, NO DUPLICATES!
12. Exhibits must remain as presented to the judges throughout the Fair. Please note that if you bring in something of value, the General Department is not responsible for the project or any parts of it. The only exception to this at the decision of the superintendent (i.e. anything dangerous).
13. A statement indicating its intended use must accompany each electric article, which can be written on an attached index card. Electric articles MUST be safe from potential electrical hazards.
14. All electrical materials must be marked UL Approved or UL Listed.
15. All items must be able to be easily transported without the risk of breakage. For example, Lego entries must be on a sturdy surface or tray. The item that you use to transport your exhibit is not included in the size restrictions. For example, a piece of plywood that is transporting Legos will not be measured, only the entry itself has size restrictions.
16. Plastic three-dimensional model entries should not include powered mechanisms
17. The General Department will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or broken items.

18. Premiums-Class Champion - \$5 Blue Award - \$4; Red Award - \$3.75; White Award - \$3.50

### **Learning Station**

- Example – Horses – A display about the proper bits to use in the show ring. A model of a horse's head. The model allows the bit to be placed in the mouth. The guest (public) would touch a metal tipped pen to the proper answer and a light or buzzer would come on if the proper bit for a western class, or a dressage class, etc., was selected.
- Example – Natural Resources – A touch and feel box. Place item in a log or box or container and guess what you feel. Flip the card over and it would show the correct answer
- Entries in the Learning Station Department ARE NOT make and take projects.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS – Learning Station Classes**

1. Entries must be constructed in such a way as to survive public handling, examination, and abuse.
2. Entry should be fun, educational, and encourage “hands-on” involvement. Correct spelling will be taken into consideration when learning station is being judged.
3. Learning Station entries may be presented as an individual member entry OR as a club project.
4. Definition – Individual Entry – completed solely by one 4-H or FFA member
5. For individual entries – the exhibitor must be present for judging.
6. Definition – Club Entry – entry planned, developed, and completed by a group of members and volunteers from the same club. Each club may enter two (2) exhibits which may be entered in the club's name only. Do not enter the club entry under an individual exhibitor's name.
7. For club entries – two youth representatives must be present for judging.
8. For club entries – the names of all exhibitors involved in the project must be listed on the back of the display.
9. No living creatures of any kind may be part of the display.
10. Exhibits will remain throughout the Fair and released when other Indoor Exhibit Area entries are released.
11. Entries shall be placed in the appropriate category – if the audience targeted is the general public or if the entry is club specific.
12. Previous club entries for past years may be entered. The club must provide documentation showing improvement to or use of the exhibit. (Example: Photo documentation of the exhibit being used in the community, at a club meeting, etc. Show how exhibit has changed by using “before” and “after” photos.
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**Section 001 – General  
Classes**

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1001	2001	3001	Hobby (Collection) – album – stamps, baseball cards, coins, postcards
1002	2002	3002	Hobby (Collection)–misc.–items not able to fit in an album– includes models and kits; no Rockets
1003	2003	3003	Leadership Poster OR Display
1005	2005	3005	Citizenship – Poster OR Display
1008	2008	3008	Health – Poster OR Display
1010	2010	3010	Safety – Poster OR Display
1012	2012	3012	Marksmanship/Shooting Sports Project – Poster OR Display
1013	2013	3013	Electric – Lamp
1014	2014	3014	Electric – Other
1015	2015	3015	Small Engines – Poster OR Display
1016	2016	3016	Veterinary Science – Poster OR Display
1017	2017	3017	Adventures in Science – Poster OR Display
1020	2020	3020	Small Pets – Poster OR Display (NO LIVE ANIMALS)
1022	2022	3022	Livestock – Poster OR Display (NO LIVE ANIMALS)
1024	2024	3024	Self-Determined Project Exhibit
1031	2031	3031	Individual Exhibit, Learning Station
1032	2032	3032	Plastic three dimensional models built of many pieces, without motors or batteries
1033	2033	3033	Lego Kit Build. Any building brick kit built from the original instructions. Each kit build should include a support piece describing the build and the subject matter.
1034	2034	3034	Original Lego or Modified Lego Kit Build. Any original building brick design and build; or a kit modified from its original design.

**Section 002 – General & Learning Station Special Awards**

1041	Champion & Reserve Champion General Department exhibit—junior—rosette & rosette
2041	Champion & Reserve Champion General Department exhibit—Intermediate—rosette & rosette
3041	Champion & Reserve Champion General Department exhibit—senior—rosette & rosette
4051	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion General Department Entry—rosette & rosette
4052	Best Use of Engineering (lights, moving parts, etc.)
4053	Best Use of Space/Complexity
4054	Best Use of Color
4055	Judge's choice