

DEPARTMENT I-22 – SHOE BOX FLOATS

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Entries must be completed online at 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. Each entry must be constructed from a cardboard shoebox.
2. The shoebox may be no less than 6" x 10" and no more than 9" x 14". The overall height (which includes the box and any float materials) may not exceed 15". The statement "4-H IS OPEN TO ALL" must be on the float. **Life Skills need to be displayed on the float (Leadership, responsibility, etc).**
3. Just as with a float in a parade, the shoebox floats will be seen and judged from all sides.
4. Shoe Box Floats may be entered in any of the following categories:
 - a. 4-H/FFA Fair Theme –
 - b. 4-H & FFA Promotional (such as you would do for a booth or banner)
5. The 4-H or FFA member should complete all work. This includes club exhibits.
6. Judging criteria may include but is not limited to the following:
 - a. Effective title (short, personal, an active verb)
 - b. Promotes 4-H and/or FFA (how to get involved)
 - c. Attracts attention (stopping power)
 - d. Holds interest (encourages study)
 - e. General appearance (simple, balance, color)
 - f. Workmanship (neat, well-constructed)
 - g. Encourages participation in 4-H or FFA. "4-H IS OPEN TO ALL" must appear on float.
 - h. Suitable subject matter
 - i. Originality
7. No electric or battery-powered components will be permitted.
8. Enter only the decorated shoe box. Do not put the shoe box on a wagon or cart, etc. that has moving parts. Do not enter tractors, horses, trucks, etc.
9. Copyrighted or trademarked material, such as cartoon characters, is not permitted.
10. No living creatures of any kind may be part of the display.
11. Shoe Box Floats must be removed within published release times for the Indoor Exhibit area.
12. Exhibitors may enter only one (1) item per class in the correct age division.
13. Entry tags must be secured to the Shoe Box Float.
14. The Shoe Box Float Department committee will not be responsible for lost or damaged exhibits.
15. Classes are offered for individuals (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior-age groups) and for clubs.
16. Premiums – Individuals – Class Champion - \$5 Blue Award - \$4; Red Award - \$3.75; White Award - \$3.50
17. Premiums – Clubs – Class Champion - \$10; Blue Award - \$8; Red Award - \$6; White Award \$4

Section 001 – Shoe Box Floats

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1001	2001	3001	Individual Shoe Box Float-4-H/FFA Fair Theme–
1002	2002	3002	Individual Shoe Box Float - 4-H/FFA Promotional
4003			Club Shoe Box Float – 4-H/FFA Fair Theme
4004			Club Shoe Box Float – 4-H/FFA Promotional
4005			FFA Chapter Shoe Box Float 4H/FFA Fair Theme
4006			FFA Chapter Shoe Box Float 4-H/FFA Promotional

Section 002 – Shoe Box Float Special Awards

Class 1011	Individual Shoe Box Float – Jr.
Class 2011	Individual Shoe Box Float –Int.
Class 3011	Individual Shoe Box Float – Sr.
Class 4011	Grand Champion & Reserve Individual Shoe Box Float
Class 4013	Grand Champion & Reserve Club Shoe Box Float
Class 4015	Grand Champion & Reserve Chapter Shoe Box Float