



Rhode Island 4-H Photo Fine Arts Fair

MARCH 20-22, 2026
Warwick Mall
New- CASH PRIZES

DETAILS & RULES:

- Open to all youth ages 5-18 as of 1/1/2026. Join 4-H Free today to enter.
- Maximum of 6 artworks per youth (5-18 years old). Register early if we meet our maximum entries, we may have a waiting list or allow only 3. You will be notified if this occurs.
- All entries must have been created in the last 12 months by the youth with minimal adult help. It must be their original work, No stencils, **Copyrighted or licensed material such as book covers, Disney Characters, Batman, Pokemon, characters WILL NOT BE JUDGED....**
- Questions contact kstone@uri.edu.

CATEGORIES	ACCEPTED	NOT ALLOWED
Painting	Oil, watercolor, acrylic, tempera or a mixture of paints accepted.	No 3D pieces, no items purchased then painted (box, chair, mirror, ceramics).
Drawing	Pastels, Pastel crayons, pencil, charcoal, pen & Ink, marker, crayon, chalk	No 3D
Sculpture	Clay, modeling compound, sculpey, salt dough, 3d pieces	No crafts, pipe cleaners, stenciled items, jewelry, wood, decorations, etc... No premade molds or kits or ceramics that were purchased then painted.
Photography	Black & white or color Minimum retouching such as red eye reduction or color photo to a black and white is accepted.	Min. 3 x 5 Max. 16 x 20 framed. No major retouching or editing, No 3D pieces.

- **REGISTRATION REQUIRED by 4pm March 6th.**
 - **STEP 1:** [Google Form online at uri.edu/4h or click here](https://uri.edu/4h) with art information. If you are already a registered 4-Her you are done! If you are joining 4-H for the first time, complete step 2.
 - **STEP 2:** If you are NOT in 4-H yet, use the following steps to enroll for free.
 - Go to 4h.zsuite.org and Click on Sign Up. Enter the parent info to create an account. Click on the green “+ Household member” button. Enter information for the youth. When prompted to “choose a role”, click on the dropdown menu and choose “club member”.
 - Fill out the “personal information” and “waivers” pages for the youth.
 - On the “clubs” page, click on the green “+ Add Club” button. Select “state county” from the county dropdown menu. Select “4-H Event Participant” from the club dropdown menu.
 - Click on the green “+ Project” button and select “Arts/Fine Arts” from the dropdown menu.
 - Select the pink “Add to Cart” button on the bottom right of the page (you may have to scroll down).
 - Click on “+ Household member” and repeat for each youth participating in the event. You can enter all your youth in Zsuite at the same time.

- **DROP-OFF:** You can drop off at the Warwick Mall on Friday March 20th from 2:30-6:00 pm. Late art will not be judged. **OR** Artwork can be dropped off by March 9th in the bin outside the URI 4-H Office located at East Farm, Building 50. The Google address is 1 E Farm Rd, Kingston, RI 02881. Please put all artwork in plastic garbage bags as a precaution.



- **PICK UP:** Art must be picked up on Sunday between 4-4:30pm. No art will be released earlier! If an item is removed early, the entrant will not be able to enter the next year! All items must be removed by 5pm on Sunday. If you have a scheduling conflict, you can designate any other person to pick up your artwork, ribbons and score sheets or make arrangements with Kristy at kstone@uri.edu to pick up the following week at URI's East Farm. Hint: rolling suitcases!

- **LABEL:** Attach to the **back** of every piece of art: Youth first name, age, unique title of piece (do not name 2 photos the same thing). Please make sure this information matches the pre-registration so that we can put the correct ribbon on each piece!
- **DISPLAY:** Matte or Frame 2D art. Art must be freestanding, or you must supply an easel that will safely support it. No additional decorations can be used with the art pieces or stands.
- **JUDGING & PRIZES:** Judging will be at URI and the Mall. Ribbons will be in place at 8pm Friday night and on display all weekend. Youth age 5-7 will be awarded green participation awards. Blue, Red and White awards will be given to each work. Best of Show rosettes will also be awarded at the judge's discretion. By entering the artwork in this fair, you agree to let the RI 4-H Club Foundation and the URI 4-H Program use a reproduction of your artwork in promotion or fundraising efforts.

NEW FOR THIS YEAR. THE FOLLOWING CASH PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN OUT, to the Division winners in each category that has more than 5 entries!

Painting	Drawing	Photography	Sculpture
1st Place Junior = \$15			
1st Place Int= \$15			
1st Place Sr.= \$15			

- **HOSTING: PLEASE HELP!** We need families to help us watch the exhibit. We have had items broken in the past, which is unfortunate. Having an adult and family at the table reduces the chances of damage and it allows us to answer questions about 4-H for the public. Participants are responsible for their items and all materials in their display. Sign up is on the registration and the Sunday afternoon spots usually go first. We make every effort to make sure that the same family is not asked if they hosted last year and to make sure that any one club does not have to do it all. We will confirm your scheduled time with you. Please note that we keep track of who has watched in the past and schedule 2 per time slot.

What should I do?

- It's easy, you tell people about your experience with 4-H, answer questions, hand out 4-H contact info to those who ask for it.
- Help people vote for the "Viewer's Choice Award", extra ballots are below the table.
- No food or drink at the registration table (per Warwick Mall)
- If someone does not show up (or you are the last shift), put all the materials on the registration table under the table. If you are the first shift to arrive and no one is there, any materials should be under the table. If you have a problem, contact the mall security personnel near Newport Creamery.

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