

AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR

JUNIOR FAIRBOARD

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

PURPOSE:

This contest has been established solely as a fundraising event to highlight the decorating talents within our fabulous Austin and surrounding Counties. It is designed as a collaboration of community members to come together to raise much needed collegiate level scholarship funds all awhile having an amazing evening of fine dining, drinking, great music and dancing. This well-planned evening will include a fun and festive table decorating event, in which 28 tables will be decorated to the evening's theme. All entry fees, as well as VOTING funds raised to establish our winners, will be used for the sole purpose of raising money for collegiate scholarships to further the education of our Junior Fair Board Members of the Austin County Fair.

TABLESCAPE CONTEST RULES:

1. Anyone can enter the tablescape competition by paying the designated entry fee by the set deadline.
2. A table competitor/designer may consist of an individual or a team (number of members on the team is set by the team)
3. The contest will take place in the women's building. The building may be air conditioned and has a concrete floor.
4. Entry fee is \$50 per table.
5. Tablescape entry deadline is December 10, 2021.
6. The competition is limited to the first 28 exhibitors to register.
7. Entry fees are non-refundable.
8. All guidelines must be followed to maintain safety for the evening event or table competitor will be disqualified from competing.
9. It is required that at least one person on the decorating team buy a dinner ticket to attend the evening. It would be recommended that the decorator of the tablescape contest fill their table with attendees of the event. Voting for People's Choice Winners will be done by attendees at the Gala. The meal tickets for the evening will be discounted for participating in the design competition.
10. Decorating will begin Friday, December 17th at 9am and must be concluded by 5pm same day.
11. Each entry is given a 60-inch round dining table that will be covered in full length black linen. This black linen must remain on the table, but any topper may be added to fit your tablescape.
12. Each table will have a total of 8 folding chairs placed with it and they will be covered in matching black chair covers, these may have linens added to them BUT ABSOLUTELY NOTHING SEWED OR GLUED TO THEM!
13. The theme for this year's Fundraiser Gala is: "A Night of Winter Bliss"
14. Decorating to the theme of the evening is encouraged and will be judged accordingly by the professional judges.
15. Table décor height is determined by the table competitor/designer. However, the height should not create a top-heavy danger, in this case, the committee will ask for it to be removed or adjusted prior to the event.
16. All décor items for the decorating of the table will be provided by the contestant and at the contestant's expense.
17. Understanding that 8 guests will be eating at the table being decorated, it is **a must** that the table allow for functional eating within the design of the table!
18. Food is not permitted to be part of the tablescape display.
19. Fresh florals are allowed but no floral cooler is available for any storage at the fairgrounds.

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20. Fresh floral may be designed on site however, all water, stems, foliage, etc... must be cleaned up by the contestants by the end of the 5pm deadline. No towels or absorbent materials will be provided by the fairgrounds to assist in the clean-up.
21. Air conditioning on day of set up is not a guarantee and will be determined by weather and the committee.
22. No building of any structures to place the decorating table on top of will be allowed.
23. Any open flames will need to be lit at the beginning of the event by the table designing team members. Committee is not responsible for the lighting of candles.
24. All open flames must be contained/covered in glass chimneys and water source must be in bottom of any votive or vase containers. Any violation will result in committee asking for flames to be extinguished immediately to maintain fire safety.
25. The Fundraising committee has the sole authority to ask a competitor to remove any offensive material from their tablescape
26. Judging of tables will be Saturday, December 18, 2021 from 9-Noon. Professional judges will place the tablescapes designs 1st place -5th place. Judging awards will be announced during the dining event Saturday evening and rosette ribbons will be awarded.
27. An Overall Best In Show and Reserve In Show trophy will be awarded to the People's choice award that earns the most money in guest votes Saturday evening during the dining event. Tickets for votes will be sold throughout the evening and corresponding ballot boxes to the decorated table will be stuffed by attendees throughout the evening. Ticket sales will stop at a designated time in the night and boxes will be counted. These trophies will be awarded at the conclusion of the evening! These trophies will be perpetual trophies that the winners will be given the opportunity to keep in their possession until the following year. The winners name will be added to the base of the trophy on a brass plaque and then will be given back to be earned the following year.
28. PLEASE NOTE: The Fair is not responsible for any broken, damaged, lost or stolen items.
29. Tablescapes displays must be picked up on Sunday, December 19, 2021, from 12:00pm – 3:00pm
30. Contestants agree to allow attendees to photograph and/or video their displays. Austin County Fair is given permission to use photos and/or video in any ACF marketing or promotional materials.
31. Any questions can be directed to Lynette Lee, Tablescapes Coordinator @ acfjrboardfundraising@gmail.com
Signing the entry form below is admission of understanding the rules listed above and statement that they will be followed.

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Table #: _____ **(office use)**

Team name: (optional) _____

Contact phone number: _____

Email address: _____