

FLOWER CUP

Limestone County Fair Floral Cup Rules and Scoring Rubric

Entry Fee: \$50

Deadline Date: March 13, 2027

Contest Date: Monday, April 5, 2027

Location: TBD

The floral cup competition will be held on the Monday, April 5, 2027, of the Livestock Show. The floral cup competition is open to any FFA students or 4H members that are eligible for the 2027 Limestone County Fair. Check in will be held from 8-8:45. There will be a brief meeting to go over rules and procedures at 9:00 am then the competitor will be released to their tables. The contest will start at 9:15 am. Results will be announced at 1:00 PM.

Divisions:

1. Advanced - contestant is enrolled in 2nd year or more of floral design instruction
2. Beginner - contestant is enrolled in Principles of Floral Design
3. Novice - contestant is 8th grader or older contestants who have NOT taken a floral design class
4. Junior - contestant is 7th grade or younger

Grand and Reserve will be awarded for each division (Grand and Reserve Overall buckles)
Top 3 in each division will be awarded (banners for 1st - 3rd place)

Theme: TBD – The theme will be announced at a later date

Limestone County Fair Association Floral Cup Competition Rules

1. Each contestant's activities will constitute as a sole effort with no assistance from anyone in any manner.
2. Time for the category will be strictly adhered to 45 minutes from the start time. All flower placements must be done within the 45 minute time limit.
3. Contestants are required to bring their own container for this contest. If using a container that needs foam, contestants should bring their own floral foam and place it in the container prior to the beginning of the contest. All containers may be subject to preapproval at the mandatory meeting.
4. The arrangement must also be able to be carried by the designer without assistance of another individual.
5. Each contestant will be furnished with identical buckets of materials, including fresh flowers and foliage.

6. Each contestant should bring their own tools: knife, scissors, wire(s), tape(s), wire cutters, and floral glue. There will be no hot glue guns, extension cords, or any additional artificial floral materials.

7. Monitors will be present to enforce the rules. If all rules are not adhered to, the design will be disqualified.

8. Judging will be based on the following scoring system:

- Theme Interpretation
- Creativity
- Unity (Harmony)
- Scale (Proportion)
- Balance (Physical and Visual)
- Depth of Color
- (Balance, Harmony, Rhythm)
- Line (Movement and Rhythm)
- Mechanics
- Space (Positive and Negative)
- Completeness

The judging scale is as follows: 1 (one) - 5 (five) with one point (poor) to five points (excellent). In the event of a tie, the judges will re-evaluate the tied contestants' designs and evaluate artistic execution.

Score sheets may be picked up by the contestant following the competition results. With the capacity of the contest, all contestants may not receive score sheets. It will be up to the discretion of the judges, depending on their allotted time.